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Re: Rosenberg / Sobell

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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		*	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released		
588	2/4/53	SA memo to file	2	2		
589	2/6/53	WFO report NY	55	—		referred to another gov't agency
590	2/5/53	HQ memo to NY	1	1		
591	2/6/53	3rd party letter to Dept of Justice	1	1		
592	2/6/53	AQ Let to HQ w/ 2 COPIES	3	3		(2 dups)
593	2/7/53	3rd party letter to NY	1	1		
592A	2/6/53	SA memo to LA	4	0		
593A	2/9/53	SA letter to 3rd Party	1	1		
594	2/9/53	SA airtel to NY	1	1		
595	2/9/53	NY letter to OC	1	1		
596	2/9/53	NY letter to HQ	1	1		
597		NY letter to DL	1	1		

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598	2/9/53	NY letter to DN	1	1		
599	2/9/53	NY letter to CE	1	1		
600	2/9/53	NY letter to ME	1	1		
601	2/9/53	NY letter to BT	1	1		
602	2/9/53	NY letter to BU	1	1		
603	2/9/53	NY letter to AT	1	1		
604	2/9/53	NY letter to AA	1	1		
604A	2/9/53	NY letter to KL	1	1		
604B	2/9/53	NY letter to NU	1	1		
604C	2/9/53	WFO letter to HQ	3	—		referred to another gov't agency
604D	2/9/53	P.O. letter to 3rd	1	—		referred to another gov't agency
605	2/9/53	AI letter to NY	1	1		

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606	2/10/53	SA letter to 3 rd party	1	1		1
607	2/10/53	NY letter to ST	1	1		
608	2/10/53	NY letter to SE	1	1		
609	2/10/53	NY letter to SL	1	1		
610	2/10/53	NY letter to SU	1	1		
611	2/10/53	NY letter to RH	1	1		
612	2/10/53	NY letter to SD	1	1		
613	2/10/53	NY letter to PD	1	1		
614	2/10/53	NY letter to OM	1	1		
615	2/10/53	NY letter to SA	1	1		
616	2/10/53	NY letter to PG	1	1		
617	2/10/53	NY letter to PY	1	1		

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618	2/10/53	SA letter to SAC	3	3		1
619	2/10/53	SA memo to SAC	2	2		
620	2/10/53	SA letter to SAC	3	3		
621	2/12/53	PH teletype to HQ ^{re subject} and WFO	1	1		
622	2/12/53	NY teletype to HQ ^{re subject}	1	+		See NY 65-15348
623	2/12/52	NY teletype to HQ ^{re subject}	1	-		See NY 65-15348
624	2/12/53	BA airtel to HQ and NY ^{re subject}	1	1		
625	2/12/53	PH airtel to HQ and NY ^{re subject}	1	1		
626	2/12/53	AK airtel to HQ NY WFO ^{re subject}	1	1		
627	2/12/53	SA memo to SAC	2	2		
628	2/12/53	SA memo to SAC	2	2		
629	2/12/53	SA memo to SAC	2	2		

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Re: Blasenburgh / Sobell

Date: 1/8
(month/year)

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NPC General Sub-File A
NPC Daily Worker Sub-File B
NPC National Guardian Sub-File C
NPC Morning Freiheit Sub-File D
Prosecution Summary Sub-File E
N.Y. Informants Sub-File F
Miscellaneous Sub-File G

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC *Smiley*
FROM : SA E. K. DEANE
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: February 4, 1953

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() CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO

(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received February 3, 1953

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit SA E. K. DEANE AND SE V. H. MC PEAR

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

(X) Placed in NY file 100-107111 Serial
Exhibit#

() Forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate.

Description of exhibit:

LABOR COMMITTEE TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS

HAROLD E. WARD

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ON 2/8/78 AP/jm

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LABOR COMMITTEE TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
1050 Sixth Avenue
New York, New York
BRYant 2-9694

January 20, 1953

FOR RELEASE FEBRUARY 2

The National Labor Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs today released the following letter received from Harold E. Ward, prominent Mid-west Negro union leader in Local 108 F.E., United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Chicago.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My family and I do not want to see Ethel and Julius Rosenberg die in the electric chair.

We know what hours of torture this family must have endured in this past year, for, last December I faced the electric chair myself. Had I been put to death, my children would be fatherless, my wife a widow.

I was charged with murdering a scab during a strike at the Chicago International Harvester Plant. I was innocent, but that made no difference to the newspaper, the radio and television experts. They really went "gunning" for me. I was labeled a "red," a "subversive," a "murderer!" This is what the newspapers did to the Rosenbergs before their trial.

When the jurors were picked, I knew they had read the papers, listened to the radio and seen the stories on television. I knew it would be difficult to get a fair trial in such an atmosphere. But, I was fortunate in having my union behind me. They knew that I was innocent and rallied to my defense, raising sufficient funds to guarantee the best possible legal defense and to make public the true facts of my case.

I was found "Not Guilty."

It did not happen this way with the Rosenbergs. They had no one to back them up. There was no challenge to what the newspapers and radio said. The jury got a one-sided picture. One of the witnesses against the Rosenbergs was proven to be a liar recently -- in a sworn affidavit by the F.B.I. How would the jury have voted if they knew then that this witness had lied?

The Rosenbergs say they are innocent. I believe them - you may or you may not. But, in any event, the death penalty is a penalty far too severe. The Rosenbergs will never have a chance of proving their innocence unless they remain alive.

I want to urge all people, irrespective of religious, social or political beliefs to join the appeal for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. I know by my own experience how easy it is to put human life in jeopardy. Please help.

Fraternally,

Harold E. Ward"

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By letter dated January 21, 1953, Congressman Louis B. Heller of Brooklyn, New York, communicated with the Bureau advising that a number of delegations and individuals had visited his Washington office during recent weeks urging him to assist in obtaining clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. With his letter the Congressman forwarded the names and addresses of individuals and literature they had given him as well as correspondence received in his office. One Photostat of each of the pertinent documents so obtained are enclosed herewith for your information. The contents of the enclosures are self-explanatory.

The names appearing in the attachments should be checked through your office files for identifiable data, following which you should be guided by current Bureau instructions governing the initiation of security investigations.

Enclosure

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J. A. Harrington

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LAW OFFICES OF
CONKLIN & BENTLEY

20 EXCHANGE PLACE

NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

DIGBY 4-5294

WILLIAM R. CONKLIN
EDWARD S. BENTLEY
ROBERT W. OWENS, JR.

JOHN F. NYLAND
ROBERT T. ALLER

February 6, 1953

Department of Justice,
290 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith a communication which I have received from Mrs. Florence Stadlen, Secretary of the Far Rockaway Citizens Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs of No. 1382 Eggert Place, Far Rockaway, which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

Edward S. Bentley

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Handwritten signature/initials

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-0)

DATE: 2/6/53

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR
CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: New York

[REDACTED] union newspaper
entitled "The Leader" in Albuquerque furnished to CIC at Sandia
Base, who in turn furnished material to this office, as follows: b7d

A printed letter headed "National Labor Committee for
Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New
York, telephone BRyant 9-9683 dated January 21, 1953 and signed
Sincerely and Fraternally ABE WEISBURD, Secretary." The letter
enclosed some reprints of newspaper articles by Professors ALBERT
EINSTEIN and HAROLD C. UREY, as well as an analysis of the
ROSENBERG case by D. E. PRITT, World famous British lawyer.

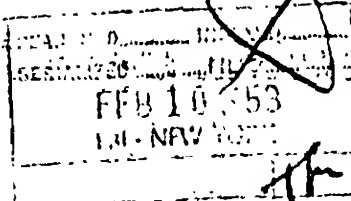
The letter also enclosed an article from the Nation
magazine of January 10, 1953 entitled "Mercy for the ROSENBERGS"
by FREDA KIRCHWEY.

The letter also enclosed a reprint from the Gazette
and Daily, York Pennsylvania under date of January 3, 1953,
setting forth an editorial captioned "Excessive Punishment" and
also an article headed "1,500 Clergy back ROSENBERGS' Plea" and
reprinted as a public service for the National Committee to Secure
Justice in the ROSENBERG case, for which the address again was
indicated as 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

The New York Division has undoubtedly received a great deal
of similar material, however, the material may be of some use to
the New York Division and for that reason, it is enclosed with a
copy of this letter. If the material is of no value to the New York
Division, it may be destroyed.

This material was received in an envelope bearing the
return address "Room 2, 1050 Sixth Avenue at 40th Street, New York
18, New York, postmarked at New York City January 23, 1953 and
bearing the handwritten address in ink "Carpenter's Local Union
No. 1319, AF of L, 900 - Coal Avenue S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico."
As of possible use to the New York Division, the envelope is also
enclosed.

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acc's: New York (Encls. 6) (Reg.)



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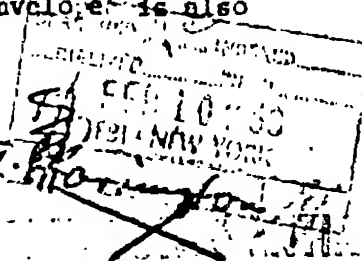
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SAMUEL P. FENSTERSTOCK
COUNSELOR AT LAW
51 CHAMBERS STREET
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

BECKMAN 5-6677

February 7th, 1953

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Foley Square,
New York

Gentlemen:

My wife has been receiving a copy of the enclosed pamphlet for the past several months. How she got on this mailing list I do not know. However, I have a feeling that this organization is a Communistic dominated sheet and therefore I am taking the liberty of sending this to your Bureau for whatever action you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

Samuel Fensterstock
SAMUEL P. FENSTERSTOCK

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

February 9, 1953

Mr. Samuel P. Fensterstock
Counselor at Law
51 Chambers Street
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fensterstock:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 7, 1953,
with enclosure.

Your interest in forwarding me the information contained
in your letter is indeed appreciated. You may be assured that it
will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR - TEL

NEW YORK, 2/9/53

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE;
IS - C. DICTATION OF SUMMARY REPORT HAS BEEN COMMENCED AND
WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY TRANSCRIBED AND SUBMITTED AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE.

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SAC, Oklahoma City

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - R**

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A confidential informant [redacted] Chase National Bank, whose identity should be protected) has furnished information concerning the identity of the various contributors to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, through examination of the items deposited in the committee's account. In examining these deposits, the names of the various persons located in your field division have been determined. Set out below are their names and method of payment. The information was furnished to the Bureau in report of SAA EDWARD J. CAHILL, 2/3/53, NY in instant case and is being furnished for your information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Remitter</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u>
1952	\$		
7/15	10.00	SOPHIE R. A. COURT	City Natl. Bank, Norman, Okla.
9/22	2.00	J. D. V. MC WILLIAMS	Bank of Hydro, Okla.

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SAC, Houston

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952 10/3	\$ 354.00	MORRIS BOGDANOW	Citizens State Bank, Houston, Texas

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SAC, Dallas

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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10/27	50.00	NATALIE ROSE	Texas Bank and Trust Company, Dallas
11/19	10.00	RUTH ADDINGTON	Lubbock Natl. Bank, Lubbock, Texas
12/16	10.00	THOMAS W. SANDERS	Lubbock Natl. Bank, Lubbock, Texas

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SAC, Denver

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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7/15	5.00	SHIRLEY JESSON	Natl. State Bank, Boulder, Col.
8/6	10.00	MARION JORDAN ULMER	Natl. City Bank, Denver, Col.
8/18	12.00	B. BRAYLES, Olathe, Col.	American Express Co. MO DN97902
10/20	5.00	LOUISE GAUSS, Greeley, Col.	USPMO 10-23,870,450
10/31	2.50	ERNEST GEIST	Home State Bank, Loveland, Col.
10/31	10.00	RICHARD JESSON	Natl. State Bank, Boulder, Col.
12/16	13.00	KENNETH N. KRIPKE	Colorado State Bank, Denver, Col.
12/26	10.00	HAROLD C. or LUCILLE B. SANDERSON	Central Bank and Trust Co., Denver

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SAC, Charlotte

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
10/20	7.00	MRS. IDA LOPEZ	USPMO 5-43,458,752, Raleigh, N.C.
10/27	10.00	SARA LOWREY	South Carolina Natl. Bank, Greenville, S.C.

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100-107111-599

SAC, Memphis

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952 9/26	\$ 50.00	A. J. ELVOD	Rutherford Bank, Rutherford, Tenn.

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SAC, Butte

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
10/27	15.00	ANNA U. LUTNES	First Natl. Bank, Reserve, Mont.
10/27	20.00	LILY MC KENZIE	USPMO 9-13,077,889, Great Falls, Mont.
11/5	20.00	ELMER WATTERS	Powder River Co. Bank, Broadus, Mont.
11/24	5.00	FLORENCE S. CHESSIN	First Natl. Bank of Missoula, Mont.
12/16	5.00	MRS. LOUISE DENNIS	First Bank of St. Maries, Idaho
12/16	10.00	G. W. WAGNER	Farmers Bank of Conrad, Mont.
12/16	15.00	ANNA U. LUTNES	First Natl. Bank, Reserve, Mont.

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SAC, Buffalo

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
7/22	10.00	ALLAN H. GILBERT	State Bank of Rushford, New York
8/18	15.00	LEO M. HURWITZ	Security Trust Co. of Rochester, NY
11/19	25.00	W. S. BENNETT	USPMO 2-52,938,819, Buffalo, NY
12/1	10.00	W. S. BENNETT	USPMO 2-52,997,171, Buffalo, NY
12/1	35.00	W. S. BENNETT	USPMO 2-52,997,416, Buffalo, NY
		385 Franklin	
12/16	3.00	W. S. BENNETT	
		385 Franklin	
12/16	22.00	W. S. BENNETT	
		385 Franklin	
12/16	25.00	LEO M. HURWITZ	Security Trust Co., Rochester, NY

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SAC, Atlanta

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
12/16	10.00	XENIA K. DECTCHMAN	Citizens and Southern Bank, Albany, Georgia
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SAC, Albuquerque

2/9/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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7/29	5.00	ANNA MEDIC	USPMO 10-23,142,004, Albuquerque
10/27	30.00	ANNA MEDIC	USPMO 10-27, 359, 494, Albuquerque
11/5	31.50	ANNA MEDIC	USPMO 10-27, 381,958, Albuquerque
12/16	25.00	ANNA MEDIA	USPMO 10-28,835,99, Albuquerque
12/19	5.00	ANNE MEDIC	USPMO 10-28, 863, 533, Albuquerque

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SAC, Kansas City

2/9/53

SAC, New York

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1952 7/15	\$ 10.00	RUBY G. HECK	First Natl. Bank, Washington, Kansas
12/16	10.00	MARION R. DAVIES	First Natl. Bank, Kansas City, Mo.
12/26	25.00	HARRY SHAPIRO	Kansas City Trust Co., Kansas City Mo.

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SAC, New Orleans

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SAC, New York

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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1952			
7/29	13.00	JANE E. HODES	Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans
8/6	10.00	JANE E. HODES	Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans
9/22	10.00	ELIZABETH ROGERS	USPMO 11-26,692,375, New Orleans,
10/3	26.00	JANE E. HODES	Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans
10/27	5.00	ELIZABETH C. ROGERS	USPMO 11-33,644,520, New Orleans,
10/27	10.00	JANE E. HODES	Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)
FROM : SAC, Albany (100-13260)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

DATE: 2/10/53

Rerep SA HOWARD FLETCHER, JR., dated 2/6/53, at
Washington, D.C.

The indices of the Albany Division fail to reflect any
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J. A. Harrington

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

February 10, 1953

Mr. Edward S. Bentley
Attorney at Law
20 Exchange Place
New York 5, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bentley:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 6, 1953,
with enclosure.

Your interest in forwarding this information to me is
indeed appreciated. You may be assured it will receive appropriate
attention.

Very truly yours,

JAH:IM
100-107111

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Springfield

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
9/10	5.00	HARRY LEVY	Busey First Natl. Bank, Urbana, Ill.

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SAC, Seattle

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952 7/29	\$ 5.00	RALPH FRIEDMAN Box 72, College Station Pullman, Washington	USPMO 12-40,895,313
11/19	25.00	HAROLD B. SKINNER	State Bank of Concrete, Washington
12/16	25.00	DONALD N. WHEELER	Bank of Sequim, Washington

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SAC, St. Louis

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952			
10/27	10.00	CLARA MAE PERKINS	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
12/16	3.00	HAVEN D. PERKINS	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
12/16	5.00	H. P. PERKINS	USPMO 8-24,516,958, St. Louis, Mo.
12/16	10.00	H. P. PERKINS	USPMO 8-24,456,014, St. Louis, Mo.
12/26	25.00	HAVEN P. PERKINS	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Mo.

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BAC, Salt Lake City

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952 12/16	\$ 5.00	HENRY HOROWITZ	Continental Bank and Trust Company, Salt Lake City, Utah

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SAC, Richmond

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952			
7/22	10.00	R. H. LOUNSBURY 114 So. Patrick, Alexandria, Va.	USPMO 5-31,460,585
8/6	175.00	MAX RUMSHIN	Alexandria Natl. Bank, Alexandria,
11/19	5.00	JOHN P. DAVIES	First Natl. Bank, Alexandria, Va.
12/19	1.00	GERALD GOODENOUGH	USPMO 5-54,645,305, Alexandria, Va.

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SAC, San Diego

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
7/15	2.00	JULE MC CLELLAN	USPMO 12-62,900,230, San Diego, Cal
11/19	1.00	R. E. HEGNER	Bank of America Natl. City, Cal.
12/16	5.00	J. STUART INNERST	Costa Mesa Bank, Costa Mesa, Cal.
12/19	3.00	LOUIS BACH	USPMO 12-79,252,450, Escondido, Cal.

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SAC, Portland

2/10/53

SAC, New York (100-107111)

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1952	\$		
10/31	5.00	ROY C. ANDREWS	First Natl. Bank, Eugene, Oregon
12/26	1.00	WM. WALSH	USPMO 12-68,816,069, Salem, Oregon

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SAC, Omaha

2/10/53

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1952			
7/29	10.00	S. MORGULIS	Omaha Natl. Bank, Omaha, Neb.
11/19	3.25	H. C. CASSILL	First Natl. Bank, Iowa City, Iowa
12/1	8.77	H. C. COSSILL-SS JOHNSON	First Natl. Bank, Iowa City, Iowa
12/1	10.00	OLIVE KNOWLES	Capital City State Bank, Des Moines, Iowa
12/16	2.00	ESTHER OSTROFF	National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Neb.
12/16	10.00	S. MORGULIS	Omaha Natl. Bank, Omaha, Neb.

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1952 10/8	\$ 5.00	HARRIETT N. LEARY	First Natl. Bank, San Antonio, Texas

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1952	\$		
10/31	5.00	JOHN E. PERRY	USPMO 3-54,921,481, Erie, Pa.
12/1	3.00	JULIANE CARRA	First Natl. Bank, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
12/1	5.00	MRS. JESSIE W. ARMSTRONG	First Natl. Bank of Erie, Pa.
12/1	7.00	JOHN E. PERRY	USPMO 3-54,947,268, Erie, Pa.

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1952 10/31	\$ 22.50	RUTH ROSENTHAL	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Co., Tucson, Arizona
11/19	15.00	IRENE C. KOSZTIN	Valley Natl. Bank, Tucson, Arizona
12/19	5.00	PAULINE ROSENBLATT	Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Co., Tucson, Arizona

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TO : SAC

DATE: February 10, 1953

FROM : SA J. E. GIELER

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BRITISH M.P. DENOUNCES FAKE NEWS STORY ON ROSENBERGS

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case today made public a letter from the Honorable Sidney Silverman, Laborite Member of the British Parliament and one of the leaders of the world Jewish Congress vehemently denying that he has in anyway changed his support of clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, as implied in a New York Post story on January 7.

In a letter to Emanuel Bloch on January 13, Mr. Silverman denounced as "shameful" and "dishonest" the Post's story which was angled to imply that he had, before a World Jewish Congress forum in London, supported the trial of and the death sentences against the Rosenbergs.

Mr. Silverman's letter underscored his opinion that the death penalty against the Rosenbergs for alleged conspiracy to commit espionage was "hysterically extravagant..." and that to "carry out the capital penalty would be to indict not the Rosenbergs but the United States Government."

The text of Mr. Silverman's letter was as follows:

C O P Y

13th January 1953

"Dear Mr. Bloch,

I am shocked and distressed beyond words by your letter and enclosure of the 8th. instant, which has reached me only this morning. It reveals about as shameful a bit of dishonest reporting as I have come across for a long time.

On 6th January I took part in a public Forum in London about the Prague trials. I said that they were certainly not anti-Semitic; that they were certainly anti-Zionist; that they might therefore lead to unintended anti-Semitic results. In passing, I said, that it would be as wrong to infer anti-Semitism merely from the fact that many defendants were Jews and were described as Jews as it would be to infer anti-Semitism in the Rosenberg case merely because the Judge, both counsel, both defendants, and the chief prosecuting witness were all Jews whereas there was not a single Jew on the Jury.

So far from intending to imply any support for the hysterically extravagant sentence on the Rosenbergs (even if guilty, which seems to me very doubtful) I had only the previous evening been the principal speaker at a large and very crowded public protest meeting which apparently the United States press did not report at all! In the course of my speech I said that I did not think a conviction on the evidence could have been obtained or held on appeal in the United Kingdom and that to carry out the capital penalty would be to indict not the Rosenbergs but the United States Government.

I remain of that opinion and you may make such use of this letter as you wish.

Yours very truly,

Sidney Silverman

P.S. I have talked to the United Press News Editor here this morning. He informs me that he has no record and has no knowledge of any such report and that in any case the New York Post does not take the U.P. service."

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TO : SAC

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Dr. Gene Weltfish

Dear Friend:

A group of physicians are interested in establishing a physicians' committee for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

In order to expedite their work, please send to us at once a list of medical doctors, pathologists, professors or any others connected with medicine, with their addresses and notations about them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Alman

David Alman
Executive Secretary

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LABOR COMMITTEE TO SECURE CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
1050 Avenue of the Americas
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February 5, 1952

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SEVEN HUNDRED AT LABOR RALLY URGE CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS

More than 700 people at the first labor sponsored rally for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg unanimously adopted a resolution urging President Eisenhower to grant executive clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. The meeting sponsored by the Labor Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs was held February 4th, at Palm Garden in New York City, a historic spot of labor gatherings.

The resolution among other things declared, "throughout the world people are watching to see if the principles of mercy, humanity, and equal justice will prevail in the United States. As members of labor unions which seek to maintain and extend American democracy and liberty, we too urge that these principles prevail, and that you, therefore, commute the death sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

(Chaired by Leon Straus, executive secretary of the Furrier Joint Board, the meeting heard some legal aspects of the case from Victor Rabinowitz, labor lawyer; Dr. John Codrington, research scientist, and executive board member of the New York Branch of the American Association of Scientific Workers; Leon Beverly, President of Local 247, United Packinghouse Workers, Chicago; Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell who was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in Alcatraz at the same time the Rosenbergs were sentenced to death; and Abe Weisburd, secretary of the Labor Committee.

Early in the meeting, Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg, mother of Julius was given a standing ovation as she was escorted to the platform.

(The most moving part of the night was the short remarks of Mrs. Sobell who declared "I have 30 years to work day and night for the freedom of my husband, but there is so little time to save Julius and Ethel.")

Straus warned the unionists that the same conditions that convicted and doomed the Rosenbergs to death were also aimed at undermining the ability of the unions to carry out the will of the working people.

Rabinowitz recalled the trial and execution of Sacco and Vanzetti a generation ago under conditions of hysteria similar to those surrounding the Rosenbergs. He noted the statement of Dr. Harold C. Urey that the testimony of the Rosenbergs was "more believable" than that of David Greenglass, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother who confessed spying and implicated his sister and her husband thereby winning himself a comparatively mild sentence. The noted attorney compared the reactionary newspaper demands that the Rosenbergs "confess" to the last scene of the current Broadway play "The Crucible" when during the New England witch trial the judge demands that the character John Proctor confess and sign a statement that he's a witch.

Urging the audience to get into the fight as individuals and seeks appeal from their unions and friends, Rabinowitz, declared "let it not be said that because you failed to write a letter or send a wire, the Rosenbergs died."

Dr. Codington, discussing some of the scientific aspects pointed out the Greenglass who "failed all science courses at Brooklyn Polytechnic and in view of his background accomplished quite a bit" when he, according to his testimony that convicted the Rosenbergs remembered enough details about the atomic bomb to pass on information to the Rosenbergs. Codington pointed out that "the information alleged to have been passed on was neither secret nor of much aid to a foreign nation..." and quoted the Smythe Report that "the principles used were well known..."

"Scientists" Codington declared, "have a duty to speak out as they are in a position to evaluate the facts of this case."

Leon Beverly who traveled from Chicago to address the rally urged all unionists to appeal for clemency because "the Rosenbergs are victims of the same kind of hysteria which is always used against the unions." A veteran of many labor struggles Beverly cited the case of Harold Ward, Negro unionist recently freed of murder charges in Chicago, and declared "it was the unity of labor and working people that won Ward's freedom and the same things hold true in the Rosenberg case. The unions have got to get together and fight for the Rosenbergs."

"This case is important to the Negro people", Beverly declared, "and I urge them to get in this case and help save the Rosenbergs."

Weisburd announced that on February 16, a national delegation of trade union leaders will go to Washington D. C. and visit the White House and the Department of Justice carrying appeals for clemency.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C, DAY
 PH EIGHTYTWO S ADVISED THIS AFTERNOON THAT JEAN FRANTJIS, SECRETARY
 OF PH CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, ATTENDED MEETING AT NATIONAL
 OFFICES OF COMMITTEE IN NY LAST NIGHT. FRANTJIS LEARNED THAT CAPTIONED
 COMMITTEE WILL DIRECT CAMPAIGN OF WIRES AND TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT
 EISENHOWER URGING HIM TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION RE CLEMENCY FOR
 ROSENBERGS, AND WILL ALSO START ANOTHER PICKET LINE AT WHITE HOUSE
 ON FEB. FOURTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, TO BE MAINTAINED ON TWENTYFOUR-HOUR
 BASIS UNTIL ELECTROCUTION OF ROSENBERGS.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS ~~2~~ C DALET.

RE NY DALET 2/10/53. SEC. INPT. ~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERSONS ATTENDED A MEETING OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE HELD AT **b7d** LITTLE POLKS THEATRE, 1314 W. NORTH AVE., BALTO., MD. ON 2/11/53. FEATURED SPEAKER WAS MRS. MORTON SOBELL. INPT. STATED THAT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH WERE: THAT THE ROSENBERGS AND HER HUSBAND, MORTON SOBELL, WERE NOT GUILTY OF THE CRIME WITH WHICH THEY WERE CHARGED AND WERE CONVICTED ON CONTRADICTORY AND INCOMPETENT TESTIMONY. MRS. SOBELL URGED ALL PRESENT TO WRITE TO PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER AND URGE HIM TO GRANT EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY TO THE ROSENBERGS.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C, DAYLET.

PH-B2-S² ADVISED LAST NIGHT THAT NATIONAL OFFICE OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE SUMMONED JEAN FRANTZIS, SECRETARY OF PH CHAPTER OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, TO NYC IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF NEWS THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAD DENIED ROSENBERG PLEA FOR CLEMENCY. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT NATIONAL OFFICE OF COMMITTEE WAS TO HOLD MEETING ON NIGHT 2/11/53 IN NY TO PLAN FUTURE ACTION RE ROSENBERG CASE.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, NEW YORK
AS, COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS, IS - C, DAYLET. b7d
SI NY 1830-S REPORTED TODAY THAT THE NATIONAL ROSENBERG COMMITTEE,
NEW YORK, HAS ADVISED THE N.J. CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE N.J. COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE
ROSENBERGS THAT A NEW VIGIL WILL BE INSTITUTED IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. ON SATURDAY, 2/14/53. ALL LOCAL UNITS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED
TO INSTITUTE A CAMPAIGN OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT
EISENHOWER, A DOORBELL RINGING CAMPAIGN FOR SUPPORT OF THE
ROSENBERGS, AND MASS MOBILIZATION. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT,
THE N.J. CRC HAS ARRANGED FOR EMERGENCY RALLY, FOR THE
ROSENBERGS TO BE HELD TONIGHT AT 516 CLINTON AVE., NEWARK.
ASSOCIATES OF THE N.J. CRC IN OUTLYING COUNTIES, SUCH AS
CAMDEN, HUDSON, MERCER, AND THE LAKEWOOD, N.J. AREA HAVE BEEN
DIRECTED TO CONVERT ALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT INTO
ROSENBERG RALLIES. WHERE MEETINGS WERE NOT SCHEDULED SUCH A
RALLY SHOULD BE ORGANIZED FOR TONIGHT. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT
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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE, IS - C. DAYLET, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

ADVISE THAT FOLLOWING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S DENIAL OF THE ROSENBERGS' PLEA, AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE WAS CALLED ON FEB. ELEVEN AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, L.A. AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING WAS ONE HARRY PIERCE, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LOCAL COMMITTEE. PIERCE, ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] WAS PREVIOUSLY
A CP MEMBER IN NY [REDACTED]

PIERCE OUTLINED A PLAN OF ACTION AS FOLLOWS:
HE ESTIMATED THAT AN EXECUTION DATE OF NOT LATER THAN FEB.
TWENTYSIX NEXT WOULD BE SET AND DURING THE INTERIM THE
COMMITTEE DESIRES TO RAISE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS LOCALLY
FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. HE STATED THAT THE NATIONAL
COMMITTEE HOPES TO RAISE SOME QUESTIONS AND TECHNICALITIES

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPEAL IN THE SOBELL ESPIONAGE CASE, WHICH, IN TURN, IS EXPECTED TO GIVE RISE TO DOUBTS IN THE ROSENBERG CONVICTION AND THEREBY DELAY THE ROSENBERG EXECUTION. PIERCE STATED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT DISCLOSE PLANS OF THE DEFENSE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, HE COULD STATE THAT THE DEFENSE WILL ATTACK AN AFFIDAVIT GIVEN BY A SURPRISE GOVERNMENT WITNESS, WHO WAS A PHOTOGRAPHER AND WHO HAD COMMITTED PERJURY. PIERCE STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE DESIRES TO SEND TWENTY DELEGATES TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. HE STATED THAT QUOTE MASS MOBILIZATIONS UNQUOTE AND MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THIS WEEKEND. ACTIVITY IN LA IS TO INCLUDE A MASS MEETING AT THE EMBASSY AUDITORIUM TONIGHT, THE ORGANIZATION OF STREET-CORNER RALLIES AND LEAFLET DISTRIBUTIONS IN DOWNTOWN LA, HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASSING AND WIRE AND TELEPHONE CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED TOWARD PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE URGED TO PLACE PERSON-TO-PERSON CALLS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN NO CHARGE WHEN THE CALL WAS NOT COMPLETED BUT WOULD SERVE TO FLOOD THE WHITE HOUSE SWITCHBOARD WITH CALLS.

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**(SOURCE: [REDACTED] to SA HARRY N. WHIDBEE, 2/12/53;
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young Jessica Rosenberg be considered excess. A cruel and a result of cold-war hysteria, because such a sentence, even in wartime, is unprecedented in American history. The Committee points out the comparative leniency shown towards admitted spies and open enemies such as "Tokyo Rose" and "Axis Sally", as clear evidence of this fact.

Because the Rosenbergs still steadfastly maintain their innocence the Committee holds that American legal procedure and fair-play demand a commutation of the death sentence, which will allow them opportunity for possible vindication whereas the death sentence is irrevocable.

THE COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN LUTHERANS IS REQUESTING CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS.

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COMMITTEE REPLIES TO REQUESTS THAT IT TAKE POSITION ON MATTERS OTHER THAN ROSENBERG CASE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case has from time to time received requests that it take a position on matters other than the Rosenberg case.

In the year and a half of its existence this committee has steadfastly declined to comment on matters other than those connected directly with the Rosenberg case. The wisdom of this policy is proved by the fact that the men and women who compose this committee have never felt constrained to agree on matters outside the Rosenberg case. They have always been of one mind in respect to this case, even though they differ in their political, social, and economic creeds.

In this connection Mr. Joseph Brainin, the chairman of our National Committee, has asked that it be made clear that his reply to a request for comment on a Russian case involving Solomon Mikhoels was made as an individual and was not made in the name of the committee.

We have always respected the right of committee officers to speak their minds on any issues other than the Rosenberg case providing that they did so as individuals and not in the name of the committee nor in their capacity as officers of the committee.

Mr. Brainin made this clear in his statement of January 28th.

Mr. Brainin urged renewed efforts by the many thousands of Americans who have so far kept the Rosenbergs from execution by their unprecedented campaign for executive clemency. Mr. Brainin further urged that the spirit of common interest and aim around the issue of clemency, which united so many persons of diverse beliefs and positions, continue to prevail.

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The Negro Elks have asked President Eisenhower to commute the death sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg it was announced today. The plea was made by W.C. Hueston, Grand Secretary of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in a letter to the President, dated Jan. 23, from Washington, D. C.

"I am not going into the guilt or innocence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg but I am joining in with the petition to commute this sentence to life imprisonment or a lesser term," wrote Mr. Hueston.

"It seems to me", the fraternal leader continued, "that the United States of America could lessen the harshness of their sentence in keeping with the punishment dealt out by other countries for similar crimes."

The Elks organization numbers among its leaders many of the most influential Negro Republicans of the nation, including Mr. Hueston. The late J. Finlay Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler was prominent in Republican politics for a quarter of century before his recent death.

The Elks support for clemency, follows the recent appeal of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, noted and venerable Negro woman leader and educator.

Mrs. Terrell's plea was made to former President Truman, and she declared, "I do not know whether they are guilty or not. I am not an expert on atomic science, but I do know that many persons whose knowledge and devotion to this country I respect deeply do believe there is some doubt about their guilt. Many more devoted Americans, think that even if they are guilty, death in the electric chair is a punishment too severe...As one who has lived richly in America, who loves America and respects America, I plead with you Mr. President, to stay the executioner and let the Rosenbergs live."

While the Elks plea for clemency was the most recent and influential from the Negro people, it is recalled that the Baptist Minister's Conference of Washington, D. C. urged the former President to "temper justice with mercy in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Since no one has ever paid with life for the crime of which they stand guilty, it is our prayer that these two be spared the supreme penalty."

The Negro Baptist Minister's organizations of Newark, New Jersey and San Francisco have also made pleas for executive clemency.

While in New York the Rev. James E. Robinson of the Church of the Master, and the Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, joined with 1,500 other Protestant clergymen in appealing for clemency. The Rev. Charles L. Carrington of Queens, New York, and the Rev. Mother Lena Stokes of Harlem have urged clemency.

Earlier the Boston Chronicle, Nov. 29, 1952 declared editorially, "those of us recall the relatively light sentences meted out to Tokio Rose and Axis Sally for their treasonable activities during World War II cannot help from considering the death sentence of the Rosenbergs as "cruel and unusual punishment."

And finally, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois addressed an outdoor rally at Straus Square, on New York's Lower Eastside on Jan. 8th in behalf of the Rosenbergs. He also signed a brief amicus curiae in their behalf which among other things declared, "we firmly believe, as the moral sense of mankind has agreed for centuries that it would be far better than ten guilty persons escaped punishment than that one couple, if innocent, should be any legal mischance, be sent to their deaths."

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Dr. Zachariah Chafee, Jr., noted authority on constitutional law and a professor at Harvard University, has supported clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced today. Dr. Chafee's appeal was made during a lecture on "Freedom of Speech" at Memorial Hall, University of North Carolina, during the week of January 18.

"There is some doubt of their guilt; they should live. Other people have committed worse offenses and have been allowed to live," declared Dr. Chafee.

The noted legal expert also declared that Federal Judge Irving Kaufman's statement that the Rosenbergs were responsible for the death of U.S. soldiers in Korea was questionable.

Meanwhile, the January 6th Daily Republic of Mitchell, South Dakota, takes issue with "a committee of prominent Protestants, Catholics and Jews..." who charge the Daily Republic "in an all-embracing manner, saying that anyone who has joined in organized campaigns for clemency for the Rosenbergs has 'knowingly or unwittingly given assistance to Communist propaganda.'"

The Daily Republic concludes that "Americans must continue to stand up for what they think is right..."

In the midwest, the January 15th University of Minnesota Daily calls for commutation of the death sentence to "life imprisonment..."

The Christian Century for January 14th declared that ten years from now "we think that by that time the sentence of death will be deplored as needlessly severe, particularly when contrasted with the sentences imposed on men who had far more to do with passing along atomic secrets to the Russians."

The New Religious Frontier of December 11th, issued by The Church of the People, Seattle, Washington, declared that "to put the Rosenbergs to death for their crime puts a very considerable strain on our conscience. We are troubled and will be more troubled if the sentence is carried out."

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Finally the Jewish News Letter for January 18th, notes that "several petitions urging clemency for reasons of justice and humanitarianism, signed by prominent American personalities including Albert Einstein, Nobel-prize winner Harold C. Urey, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and many other voices were heard urging the same measure for entirely different reasons." The News Letter notes that "well-known conservatives..." and other such quarters in France have cautioned against the execution of the Rosenbergs and concludes, "in other words, from the point of view of the Western camp in the cold war, political expediency in this case seems to coincide with the requirements of humanity and mercy."

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657	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
658	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
659	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
660	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
661	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	3	3		
662	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
663	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
664	2-19-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
664A	5-15-53	Transmittal Sheer	1	1		

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664B	2-19-53	MEMO SACAL TO HQ	1	1		
665	2-20-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
666	2-20-53	TELETYPE NY TO HQ, WFO	1	1		
667	2-20-53	Airtel WFO to HQ	2	2		
668	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET FD-5	1	1		
669		SAME AS ABOVE (SERIAL 668)				
670	2-13-53	BRO. PARTY LETTER TO HQ	1	1		
671	2-20-53	LETTER (HQ) to BRO. PARTY (AIR)	1	1		
671A	2-20-53	MEMO TO FILE (LA)	4	3		
672	2-23-53	Airtel WFO to HQ NY	1	1		
673	2-23-53	TELETYPE WFO to HQ NY	1	1		
674	2-24-53	MEMO TO FILE	3	3		

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675	2-24-53	Airtel WFO TO HQ	2	2		
676	4-25-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
676A	2-25-51	LETTER 3RD PARTY TO NY	1	1		
677	5-15-53	FD-5 TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
678	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
679	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
680	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
681	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE	1	1		
682	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
683	2-26-53	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	1	1		
683A	2-26-53	MEMO TO FILE (LA)	2	0		
684	UNDATED	3rd Party Letter to HQ	2	2		

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685	2-27-53	HQ Letter to 3rd Party	1	1		
685A	2-5-53	MEMO TO FILE (WFO)	3	0		
685B	2-5-53	MEMO TO FILE (WFO)	2	2		
685C	2-12-53	MEMO TO FILE (WFO)	3	1		
686	2-27-53	MEMO WFO TO SAC NY	1	1		
687	3-2-53	MEMO SAC PH TO SAC NY	1	1		
688	3-2-53	AIRTEL NK TO HQ	1	1		
688A	2-27-53	Letter 3rd Party to NY	1	1		
689	3-3-53	AIRTEL NY TO HQ PH	1	1		
690	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	9	9		
691	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
692	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	1	1		

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693	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	5	5		
694	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
695	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
696	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
697	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
698	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	3	3		
699	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
700	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	3	3		
701	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
702	3-4-53	MEMO TO FILE	6	6		
703	3-5-53	MEMO SAC NEW YORK TO BUREAU	4	4		
703A	3-5-53	Letter 3rd Party TO NY	1	1		

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704	3-5-53	Letter SAC NY to HQ	1	0		SEE NY FILE 65-15348
705	3-5-53	teletype BA to HQ, SAC NY	1	0		
706	3-5-53	Airtel BA to HQ, SAC NY	1	0		
707	3-5-53	MEMO TO FILE	1	1		
708	3-6-53	Letter OANY to Gen Party	1	1		
709	3-6-53	Airtel PH to HQ, ^{NF, WFO} BS, WH, NY, NK, RA	1	1		
710	3-6-53	Airtel CG to HQ NY	1	0		
710A	3-6-53	Letter HQ to SAC NK	1	1		
711	3-9-53	Letter SAC NY to Gen party	1	1		
712	3-9-53	Letter SAC NY to Gen party	1	1		
713	3-9-53	teletype NY to HQ, PH	1	1		
714	3-9-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		

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715	5-15-53	FDS TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
716	3-10-53	COMPLAINT FORM	1	0		
717	5-15-53	FD-5 TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
718	3-3-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
719	3-10-53	MEMO SAC BA TO SAC NY	1	1		
720	3-11-53	AIRTEL PH TO HQ, NY	2	0		
721	3-11-53	AIRTEL PH TO HQ, NY	1	1		
722	3-11-53	AIRTEL NK TO HQ, SAC NY	1	1		
723	3-11-53	MEMO TO FILE	2	2		
724	3-11-53	MEMO TO FILE	4	4		
725	3-12-53	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	1		
726	3-12-53	TELETYPE AS TO HQ SAC NY	1	1		

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727	UNDATED	MEMO TO FILE	1	1		
728	3-12-53	AIRTEL BS TO HQ, NY	2	2		
729	3-12-53	AIRTEL CG TO HQ SAC NY	1	0		
730	3-12-53	MEMO WFO TO NY	2	2		
730A	3-12-53	LETTER MI TO HQ	1	1		
731	3-13-53	AIRTEL JUK TO HQ SAC NY	2	2		
732	3-13-52	LETTER SAC WFO TO HQ	2	2		
733	3-13-52	MEMO SAC PH TO SAC NY	2	2		
734	3-13-53	REPORT BA TO HQ	49	48		
735	3-13-53	LETTER JIM BA TO HQ	1	1		
735A	5-15-53	FD-5 TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
735B	3-13-53	AIRTEL NK TO HQ SAC NY	1	1	2	

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COMMITTEE SECURE JUSTICE ROSENBERG CASE, AKA COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS
IS DASH G. DAYLET. EMERGENCY ROSENBERG CLEMENCY MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT
APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED ATTENDED. [REDACTED] DASH & REPORTS REPRESENTATIVES
COVERING ENTIRE STATE INVITED TO HEAR TALK BY OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL ROSENBERG
COMMITTEE WHO OUTLINED PLANNED ACTION. REGARDING CONTEMPLATED NEW QUOTE VIGIL UNQUOTE
INFO. M. MTS REPORT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS WILL BE AS LAST TIME, INSPIRATION
USE, WASH D.C. NIGHT AND DAY VIGIL TO BE CONDUCTED WEEKEND FEB FOURTEEN NEXT.
GROUP PLANNING A NEW JERSEY DAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB EIGHTEEN NEXT, WHEN FIFTY
OR SIXTY N.J. RESIDENTS WILL TRAVEL TO WASH FOR PARTICIPATION IN VIGIL. INFORMANT
REPORTS THAT ROSENBERG CLEMENCY WORKERS IN NEW YORK AND N.J. EXCITED ABOUT REPORT
THAT POPE HAS COME OUT FOR CLEMENCY. N.Y. COMMITTEE HAVE LEAFLET ON PRESS WHICH
READS QUOTE POPE ASKS SPARE ROSENBERGS. VATICAN CITY POPE PIUS XII HAS ASKED
PRESIDENT TO SAVE LIVES OF ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
RECONSIDER UNQUOTE. INFO. M. MTS REPORTS THIS LEAFLET AND ANOTHER CAPTIONED
DOUBT, DOUBT UNQUOTE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NEW JERSEY FOR DISTRIB
UTION PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, FEB FOURTEEN.

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SA ROBERT E. FARRELLY

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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[REDACTED] on 2/3/53, orally advised SA ROBERT E. FARRELLY regarding the following:

On 2/1/53 [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the LACSJRC. At this meeting, a representative from New York (DAVID ALMAN) announced that to date, \$140,000 had been spent for the Rosenbergs and that the Los Angeles Committee's quota for the future was \$5,000.

A man who identified himself as the representative from the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case in Tucson, Arizona, announced the difficulty he and friends had in attempting to hold a meeting in Tucson one week previously. This group had attempted to obtain a hall and finally were able to obtain the Baptist Church but the VFW commander had warned the pastor that he, the pastor, would no longer be welcome in Tucson if the meeting was held in his hall. The group, after wandering around Tucson, were finally allowed the use of a "friend's" restaurant, where, after all the diners had left, a meeting was held. He announced that he was asking for three volunteers to go to Tucson with him within a few weeks to set up a committee there.

b7d [REDACTED] advised that the LACSJRC was in charge of the area which included Southern California and Arizona. He advised that the representatives at the meeting are never identified other than a full name and locality and are never referred to as a delegate from any particular organization in that the committee is supposedly set up for the express purpose to aid the Rosenbergs and allegedly has no affiliation with other organizations.

[REDACTED] advised that the committee has been forced to vacate their meeting room at the Park Manor and their headquarters on South Main Street and are presently attempting to secure new quarters.

[REDACTED] advised that a regular report reflecting the names of those present and any other additional information will be submitted.

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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C. DAYLET. FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE PEOPLE ARRIVED ON SPECIAL TRAIN RESERVED BY CAPTIONED COMMITTEE AT TWELVE-TWELVE P.M. THIS DATE. ARON SCHNEIDER WAS IN CHARGE OF GROUP. HE ADVISED THAT THE QUOTE VIGIL UNQUOTE AT WHITE HOUSE WAS TO START AT TWO P.M., AND THOSE IN HIS GROUP WERE TO LEAVE THE PICKET LINE AT FIVE P.M.

VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE STARTED AT TWO P.M. WITH PRAYER BY REV. HAROLD S. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR, CHURCH OF THE RUGGED CROSS, ONE TWENTY FOUR WEST ONE TWENTY FOURTH STREET N.Y.C. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRTY P.M. LETTER PRESENTED TO GUARD AT WEST GATE OF WHITE HOUSE FROM THE CAPTIONED COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT. THIS LETTER PRESENTED BY WILLIAMSON AND MR. AND MRS. DAVID ALMAN. PICKETS NUMBERED ABOUT NINE HUNDRED AT THREE-THIRTY P.M. PICKETERS BEGAN TO LEAVE LINE ABOUT FOUR-THIRTY P.M., AND AT FIVE P.M. LINE HAD BEEN REDUCED TO ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PERSONS. SPECIAL TRAIN DEPARTED WASHINGTON AT FIVE FIFTY-FIVE P.M.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
IS DASH G. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER
AUSPICES CAPTIONED COMMITTEE CONTINUES ON AN AROUND THE
CLOCK BASIS. ON FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST AT FOUR THIRTY PM
THERE WERE FORTY FOUR PICKETERS AND ONE COUNTER PICKET.
AT NINE TEN AM TWO SIXTYN THERE WERE ONLY THREE PICKETERS
AND ONE INDIVIDUAL HANDING OUT HANDBILLS. AT TEN TWENTYFIVE
AM THIS DATE SEVEN PICKETERS, ONE PERSON HANDING OUT
LEAFLETS, NO COUNTER PICKETS. HEADQUARTERS FOR GROUP AT
INSPIRATION HOUSE AS DURING THE FIVE DASH INAUGURATION
PICKET. FOLLOWING INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE REPORTED TO THIS
OFFICE BY [REDACTED] SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SQUAD, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. ELEVEN THIRTY AM
FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST, ERIN WARREN, FORTYTWO YEARS OLD,
WHITE, ONE EIGHTYFIVE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK,
A PICKETER, AND MORRIS DULCINO, THIRTYSIX, WHITE, COUNTER
PICKETER, DISAGREED AND STARTED A FIGHT. BOTH ARRESTED
AND CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT. EACH FORFEITED FIVE
DOLLARS. AT ONE FIFTY PM TWO FIFTEEN LAST, JIM ROBERT
COOPER, EIGHTEEN, WHITE, NINE SIXTEEN E STREET, N. W., D. C.,

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A STUDENT, WAS ARRESTED IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT. HE FORFEITED FIVE DOLLARS. HE REPORTEDLY GRABBED A SIGN FROM A COUNTER PICKET AND STARTED TO RUN AWAY WITH IT. HE CLAIMED HE WANTED A SIGN AS A SOUVENIR. [REDACTED] WHITE HOUSE SECRET SERVICE b7d ADVISED WHITE HOUSE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM ABE WEISBERG, SECRETARY, TRADES UNION COMMITTEE, OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR TWO PM TODAY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO APPOINTMENT WILL BE GRANTED AND THAT WEISBERG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS. A MICROGRAPHED LEAFLET FOUND IN THE SPECIAL TRAIN USED BY PICKETS FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST REFLECTS AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER BASED UPON CIRCUMSTANCES RECENTLY RELEASED IN THE PUBLIC PRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING AN APPEAL WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY POPE PIOUS HAD NOT BEEN PASSED ON TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT APPEARS FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LEAFLET THAT THE CAPTIONED COMMITTEE'S LINE IS TO TWIST THE FACTS AS KNOWN SO AS TO MAKE IT APPEAR AS THOUGH THE POPE HAD MADE AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT WHEN ACTUALLY THE ONLY RELEASES MADE BY THE POPE WERE TO THE EFFECT THAT APPEALS HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM ON FEBRUARY FOURTEEN AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY PM. [REDACTED] WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MR. AND MRS. DAVID ALLEN AND

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REV. HAROLD S. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR, CHURCH OF THE RUSSIAN
CROSS, NEW YORK CITY, PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE GUARD
AS THE BEST CASE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ADDRESSED TO
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER REQUESTING THAT THE SAME BE DELIVERED.
LETTER ACCEPTED BY THE GUARD. EXACT CONTENTS UNKNOWN.

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NEWARK, N.J.

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DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC'S NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, NOW KNOWN
AS THE NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS,
IS - C, DAYLET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIAL ROSENBERG LEAFLET
[REDACTED] WHICH REPORTED APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY MADE
BY POPE PIUS XII. DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL LEAFLET CONTAINING SO-
CALLED POPE'S APPEAL TO BE MADE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS IN ELIZABETH,
N.J., NEWARK, N.J., AND OTHER COMMUNITIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FUNDS ARE BEING COLLECTED TO BE USED IN
CLEMENCY ADS WHICH WILL APPEAR IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. ARRANGEMENTS
ARE BEING MADE FOR N.J. DAY VIGIL, WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH EXPECTED
TURN OUT OF 50 TO 60 N.J. RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO SECURE STATEMENT FROM ARCH-
BISHOP BOLAND OF THE NEWARK ARCHDIOCESE AS WELL AS FROM
THE CATHOLIC CLERGY THIS AREA. [REDACTED]
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TITLE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subversive connections of Conn. people connected with National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case set forth.

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DETAILS:

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

New Haven has no information of a subversive nature identifiable with H. FRAYON, 580 Atlantic St., Bridgeport, Conn., or SAM THOMAS, 72 Imperial Ave., Westport, Conn.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ALFRED HARDER considered CHARLES LEONARD to be a Communist Party member who would continue to operate in the Civil Rights Congress after 9/12/49.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that ALFRED HARDER was known to the informant as New Haven Communist Party Chairman.

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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T-2 advised that MICHAEL A. RUSSO was known to the informant as Connecticut State Chairman of the Communist Party.

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Will continue to follow and report activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

INFORMANTS

The identity of the temporary Confidential Informants utilized in the report of SA JOHN T. PRYOR dated 2/17/53 at New Haven in the case entitled "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, IS-C" are as follows:

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom furnished</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 is [REDACTED]	9/12/49	9/12/49		
T-2 is [REDACTED]	Used to document ALFRED MARDER only. Used to document MICHAEL A. RUSSO only.			b7D
T-3 is [REDACTED]			[REDACTED] b-1	

REFERENCE: Report of SA HOWARD FLETCHER, JR. dated 2/6/53 at Washington Field entitled "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, IS-C".

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TITLE MINNEAPOLIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SUMMARY REPORT

The MINNEAPOLIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE continues to be active in Minneapolis. Public meetings of the committee were held on 11/11/52, at the Andrews Hotel in Minneapolis; on 12/19/52, at Friends Quaker Church in Minneapolis; and on 1/28/53, at Volunteers of America Hall at St. Paul. Attendance at these meetings averaged 100 persons.

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATIONOffice of the Organization

There is no known office in Minneapolis of the Committee. However, T-1, of unknown reliability, [REDACTED]

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advised on January 6, 1953, that the Committee has used the office space at 310 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose

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of preparing literature concerning the ROSENBERG case. Three ten East Hennepin Avenue is the address of the Minneapolis Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, a subsidiary of the National Committee which has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Finances

It has been reliably reported that at the three public meetings held November 11, 1952, December 19, 1952, and January 28, 1953, [REDACTED] b7D

T-2, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

IRVING E. REINAR is an officer of the Minneapolis Committee.

Public Meetings Held by the Minneapolis Committee

Meeting Held on November 11, 1952, at the Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis

T-3, of known reliability, advised that at this meeting HANLAN LESUEUR, a member of the Minneapolis Committee, was the principal speaker and advised those present that the ROSENBERG trial was a frame-up and was just one of many struggles of the people against the American "storm troopers." At this meeting there were about 35 individuals present, a number of which were identified by the informant as Communist Party members. T-4, of known reliability, identified MARIAN LESUEUR as an individual who follows [REDACTED] leadership.

Meeting Held on December 19, 1952, at Friends Quaker Church, South Minneapolis

According to the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" dated December 20, 1952, this meeting was addressed by STEPHEN LOVE, Professor of Law at Northwestern University, who advised those present that he had the gravest doubt as to the guilt of the ROSENBERGS and considered Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN as being prejudiced. In his talk LOVE stated that he considered capital punishment wholly unjustified and suggested new evidence may be uncovered later or that GREENGLASS might change his testimony at a later date. T-3, of known reliability, who was present at this meeting, advised that there were about 100 individuals in attendance, many of whom were known to the informant as CP members or sympathizers.

Meeting Held on January 28, 1953,
at Volunteers of America Hall,
St. Paul, Minnesota

According to T-5, of known reliability, STEPHEN LOVE, Professor of Law, Northwestern University, was again introduced as the principal speaker. LOVE'S remarks were almost identical to those made at the meeting held at Friends Quaker Church on December 19, 1952. LOVE pointed out that after reading 1750 pages of the ROSENBERG trial, he believes an act of injustice was perpetrated by the Government. LOVE again reiterated that he had the gravest doubt as to the ROSENBERG'S guilt and claimed that Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN indicated on numerous occasions during the trial that he believed the ROSENBERGS to be guilty. LOVE pointed out that there was not one Jewish juror on the trial jury.

Publications

Publications distributed by the local Committee, with the exception of circulars announcing meetings, were published by the National Committee in New York. Copies of the following publications, furnished by informants and citizens, which have been distributed at meetings and left on doorsteps in the Minneapolis area, are being retained in the files of this office:

"To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case"
Leaflet entitled "Rosenbergs Must Not Die"
Leaflet "An Appeal for Clemency"
"The Rosenberg Case" by D. N. PRITT
"The Letters of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg"

Officers

T-6, of known reliability, made available on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] listed the Executive Committee as IRVING PUTNAM, FRED FIASHNE, MARLEN LEBUEUR, and MICHAEL BAKER. B-70

IRVING E. PUTNAM

PUTNAM is a Methodist minister in Minneapolis and, according to T-7, of known reliability, he is being "used" by the Minneapolis Committee. T-8, of known reliability, advised that PUTNAM is treasurer of the Civil Rights Congress in Minneapolis.

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

FRED PTASHNE

T-8 advised that PTASHNE is a member of the Administrative Board of the Progressive Party, while T-9, of known reliability, advised that PTASHNE was a member of the Rogers Park Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago in 1943 and formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago.

T-10, of known reliability, advised on August 25, 1950, that the political group of the CP is in control of the Progressive Party and its policies for this district.

The Abraham Lincoln School has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as an adjunct of the Communist Party.

MICHAEL BAKER

T-11, of known reliability, advised that BAKER [REDACTED] b7D

MARIAN LeSUEUR

LeSUEUR has been previously identified by T-4 as a follower of [REDACTED] leadership in Minneapolis.

IRENE PAULL

T-12, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] b7D

T-4 identified IRENE PAULL as a [REDACTED] member and executive secretary of the CMC in Minneapolis.

KENNETH ENKEL

The "St. Paul Pioneer Press" dated January 27, 1953, published an announcement of a public meeting sponsored by the St. Paul Committee in behalf of the ROSENBERGS to be held January 28, 1953. This announcement listed KENNETH ENKEL as secretary of the St. Paul Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case. T-10 advised on August 25, 1950, that ENKEL was a member of the [REDACTED] in Minneapolis.

SONJA ENKEL

T-7 advised on January 17, 1953, that SONJA ENKEL left Minneapolis in the fall

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of 1952 to work at the National Committee Headquarters and has since returned and is now taking an active part on behalf of the ROSENBERG Committee in St. Paul, Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER CP FRONT GROUPS OR
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Progressive Party

[REDACTED] b7D

It has been previously pointed out that the political group of the Communist Party is in control of the Progressive Party in Minneapolis.

[REDACTED] b7D

Civil Rights Congress

T-14, of known reliability, advised that at a CRC bazaar held in Minneapolis on December 19, 1952, literature concerning the ROSENBERG case was distributed to those in attendance.

B-1 [REDACTED]

Socialist Workers Party

T-15, of known reliability, advised on January 8, 1953, that the Socialist Club on the University of Minnesota Campus held a meeting in behalf of the ROSENBERGS that date. According to the informant, about 40 individuals attended this meeting, 30 of which signed a petition requesting President TRUMAN to grant executive clemency to the ROSENBERGS. According to the informant, the Socialist Club, also known as the Marxian Socialist Club, was until recently controlled by the CP but is presently under the control of the Socialist Workers Party.

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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INFORMATION

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Chicago Office in view of the appearance of STEPHEN LOVE on behalf of the Committee in Minneapolis.

LEADS

THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will follow and report activities of the MINNEAPOLIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE and submit a six-month report in August, 1953.

INFORMANTS

T-1 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA ORVILLE N. HOLMEN on various occasions.

T-2 is Report of SA EDWARD J. CAHILL, New York, dated February 3, 1953. b7D

T-3 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA ROBERT W. RATHKE on various occasions.

T-4 is [REDACTED] a confidential source, who identified MARIAN LESLIE.

T-5 is ROSENBERG meeting held January 28, 1953, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and attended by SA ANTHONY J. BUICKO and SA JAMES P. GREEN.

T-6 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GORDON E. PLAYMAN on December 15, 1952.

T-7 is [REDACTED] b-1

T-8 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GORDON E. PLAYMAN on various occasions.

T-9 is anonymous.

T-10 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GLEN E. HENRIELD and SA ROY C. STUART on August 25, 1950.

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- T-11 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to the Baltimore Office.
- T-12 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to the Chicago Office concerning the Midwest Conference on the ROSENBERG Case. b7D
- T-13 is [REDACTED] a confidential source, who furnished information to SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN on October 13, 1952.
- T-14 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN on December 19, 1952.
- T-15 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM P. KITTEL on various occasions.

R E F E R E N C E

Report of SA ANTHONY J. PUICKO, Minneapolis, dated August 29, 1952.

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URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE, IS DASH C. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE
UNDER AUSPICES CAPTIONED COMMITTEE CONTINUES. SA'S
WFO MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST.

AT VARIOUS TIMES CHILDREN OF THE DASH WHITE AGE
ACCOMPANIED ADULTS IN PICKET LINE. DURING AFTERNOON
AN ELDERLY FEMALE IN PICKET LINE IDENTIFIED FROM A
WASHINGTON EVENING STAR PHOTO AND NEWS CLIPPING DATED
DECEMBER EIGHT, FIFTY, AS MARGARET BRIDGMAN. NEWS
CLIPPING REPORTED SHE PUT UP FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS
AS BAIL FOR EARL BROWDER PENDING TRIAL ON CHARGES OF
CONGRESS CHARGES. ANOTHER PICKET TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED
AS ENECCA HEARLIGH, [REDACTED]

AT SEVEN FORTYFIVE PM COUNTLESS PICKETS GATHERED IN PICKET
LINE TO CIVIL. AT SEVEN FIFTYFIVE PM PICKETS FORMED
LINE OF WFO AND ATTORNEY PROMINENT IN DEFENSE OF CONSPIRACIES
PARTICIPATED IN PICKET LINE. ADE WISEMAN, SECRETARY,

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TRADE UNION COMMITTEE OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE REFERRED TO IN DAYLET FEBRUARY SIXTEEN DID NOT APPEAR AT WHITE HOUSE AS SCHEDULED FOR TWO PM FEBRUARY SIXTEEN. A GROUP OF FIVE PERSONS APPEARED AT TWO TEN PM REQUESTING TO SEE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. SPOKESMAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CARL WISE OF NYC AND ADVISED WEISBURG COULD NOT BE PRESENT AND HE, WISE, WAS REPRESENTING WEISBURG. ANOTHER PERSON IN GROUP IDENTIFIED BY SECRET SERVICE AS DOE ROTHEBERG. BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT THIRTY AM THIS DATE NUMBER OF PICKETS VARIED BETWEEN ONE AND THREE. AT TEN FORTY AM FIVE PICKETS PRESENT. NO COUNTER PICKETS OBSERVED AS YET THIS DATE. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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AM-REG.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE ROSENBERGS. IS-C. DAYLET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, HAS ADVISED THAT THE EAST BAY COMMITTEE TO SAVE THE ROSENBERGS HAS ISSUED A MICROGRAPHED LEAFLET ENTITLED QUOTE THE ROSENBERGS NEED NOT DIE UNQUOTE. THE LEAFLET DECLARES THAT SACCO AND VANZETTI WERE PROVEN INNOCENT AFTER THEIR EXECUTION, BUT PUBLIC PROTEST SAVED ALFRED BREYFUS AND TOM MOONEY. THE LEAFLET URGES INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN POPE PIUS XII, DR. HAROLD UREY, DR. ALBERT EINSTEIN, CHIEF JUSTICE WOLFE OF THE UTAH STATE SUPREME COURT, FIFTEEN HUNDRED PROTESTANT MINISTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND MILLIONS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN A PUBLIC PROTEST TO SAVE THE ROSENBERGS. THE LEAFLET SUGGESTS WRITS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ASKING RECONSIDERATION OF CLEMENCY AND URGING FRIENDS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN THE PROTEST TO SAVE THE ROSENBERGS.

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cc: 100-34166 (DAYLET)

cc: [REDACTED] b7D

cc: NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, HONOLULU (ALL AM-REG.)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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DATE: February 18, 1953

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() CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received February 16, 1953

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit SA E. K. DEANE AND SE N. J. HAND

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

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() Forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate.

Description of exhibit: HUNTS POINT COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS

REV. JAMES A. PELITE

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
1050 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 9, 1953

PRAYERS TO BE OFFERED FOR ROSENBERGS IN THE BRONX

Prayers will be offered for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg at an inter-faith
8:30 p.m.,
Prayer Meeting for Clemency, Wednesday night, Feb. 11, at Hunt's Point Palace,
163 St. and Southern Boulevard. The meeting is sponsored by the Hunts Point
Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. Among the participating ministers are
the Rev. James A. Pelito, Thessalonian Baptist Church; Rev. George C. Hoko, Mount
Hebron Baptist Church; Rev. J. Havilland, Mission Rescue; Rev. Ricardo Tanon,
Rabbi Martin Katz, and Rev. James Hill, Jr., assistant pastor of Thessalonian
Baptist Church; and Rabbi Blumentreich.

Besides the participation of the ministers, there will be musical presen-
tation by a choir.

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URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS LEADING

C. DAYLEY. PICKETS OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER AUSPICES CAPTIONED COMMITTEE

CONTINUES. DURING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST, COUNTER

PICKETS VARIED IN NUMBER FROM ONE TO THREE. LAWRENCE KIRMAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIRECTING COUNTER

PICKETS ADVISED THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION WOULD APPEAR AS COUNTER

PICKETS SATURDAY NEXT. STATED LEGION MEMBERS WOULD REPRESENT NO

SINGLE POST BUT WOULD COME FROM MANY POSTS. KIRMAN RELUCTANT TO

PROVIDE SOURCE FOR THIS INFO. AT SEVEN FORTYFIVE PM FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN,

SIX PICKETS ACTIVE INCLUDING JOHN EARL RUDDER, SI SUBJECT OF WFO.

FOUR COUNTER PICKETS. TEN FORTYFIVE PM THREE PICKETS, MIDNIGHT SIX

PICKETS, NO COUNTER PICKETS. SEVEN FIFTYTHREE AM FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN

FOUR PICKETS, NO COUNTER PICKETS. NINE AM THIRTEEN PICKETS, TEN

TWENTYFIVE AM TWELVE PICKETS, NO COUNTER PICKETS OBSERVED AS THE

THIS DATE. DURING AM THIS DATE NINETEEN FIFTYTWO LIGHT BLUE HUDSON

BEARING FIFTYTWO NEW JERSEY LICENSE LX ONE SIX TWO OBSERVED DISCHARGING

AND PICKING UP PICKETS. NO WASHINGTON, D. C. PEOPLE IDENTIFIED IN

PICKET LINE THIS DATE. TEN FORTYFIVE AM FIVE PICKETS AND ONE PERSON

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HANDING OUT LEAFLETS AT EAST GATE WHITE HOUSE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES MOST WASHINGTON, D. C. MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED COMMITTEE HAVE NOT BEEN IN FAVOR OF PICKET LINE STARTING AS SOON AS IT DID. COMMITTEE HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN INDUCING D. C. RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LINE. [REDACTED] ADVISED b7D

EVENING OF FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN THAT TWO D. C. RESIDENTS ACTIVE IN CAPTIONED COMMITTEE DISCUSSED PICKETING AND ONE STATED THE VIOL WILL WIND UP ON MONDAY BUT THAT A LARGE DELEGATION WILL BE COMING INTO TOWN OVER THE WEEK END. NO MENTION MADE OF NAMES OR WHERE PEOPLE COMING FROM. CHANCE INDICATED THAT PICKETING MAY CONTINUE. ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS VOICED OPINION IT IS RIDICULOUS TO KEEP LINE GOING IN VIEW OF WHAT TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN. PARENTHESIS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS DECISION FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN ENDPAREN. OTHER INDIVIDUAL STATED SHE IS DECLINED TO AGREE. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE, IS DASH C, DAYLET. QUOTE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS UNQUOTE
ISSUED FEB. SEVENTEENTH INSTANT CARRIED FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT
ON PAGE NINETEEN PAID FOR BY QUOTE CITIZENS EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS UNQUOTE, BERNARD
M. LOCKER, DEAN OF DIVINITY SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITY OF CG,
HONORARY CHAIRMAN. ADVERTISEMENT HEADED QUOTE MILLIONS ARE
TELLING THE PRESIDENT THE ROSENBERGS SHOULD NOT BE EXECUTED!
UNQUOTE. IT SETS OUT LETTER TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, WHICH
IT URGES READERS TO MAIL, WHICH STATES: QUOTE I, TOO, JOIN
MANY MILLIONS WHO ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION, AND
GRANT CLEMENCY TO THE ROSENBERGS UNQUOTE. ADVERTISEMENT
INCLUDED AS SUBCAPTIONS OTHER NEWS ARTICLES CAPTIONED:
QUOTE REVEAL POPE'S PLEA TO SAVE ROSENBERGS, ONE THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED CLERGY BACK ROSENBERGS' PLEA, SAVE ROSENBERGS

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PLEA OF CATHOLICS, CHURCH HERE ASKS MERCY FOR A SPIES, EINSTEIN
SUPPORTS ROSENBERG APPEAL, FRENCH PAPERS FAVOR LETTING
ROSENBERGS LIVE, EUROPEANS ASK: CAN US AFFORD TO EXECUTE A
SPIES? UNQUOTE. ADVERTISEMENT ALSO INCLUDED FULL TEXT OF
LETTER DATED JAN. FIVE LAST TO EDITOR OF NY TIMES FROM DR.
HAROLD C. UREY, QUOTE NOBLE PRIZE WINNER AND RENOWNED NUCLEAR
SCIENTIST, UNQUOTE, STATING IN PART QUOTE AFTER READING THE
TESTIMONY OF THE ROSENBERG CASE I FIND THAT I CANNOT PUT TO
REST MY DOUBTS ABOUT THE VERDICT ... UNQUOTE. REGARDING REV.
BERNARD M. LOOMER IT IS NOTED THAT THE QUOTE DAILY WORKER
UNQUOTE DATED DEC. TEN FIFTYTWO REFLECTS IN ARTICLE ENTITLED
QUOTE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY NATIONAL LEADERS ASK TRUMAN AMNESTY
JAILED COMMUNIST UNQUOTE THAT PROFESSOR BERNARD M. LOOMER
JOINED IN APPEAL FOR CONVICTED COMMUNIST. CATALOG OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL, MADE AVAILABLE BY [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR REFLECTS
THAT PROF. BERNARD M. LOOMER OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL, U OF CG,
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FINAL MEETING OF THE CLASS ENTITLED QUOTE
VALUES IN THE MODERN WORLD UNQUOTE.

MALONE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY, 2/18/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, WFO.....URGENT
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE, IS DASH C. DAYLET. B AND O RAILROAD ADVISED
RESERVATIONS MADE FOR THOUSAND PEOPLE ON SIXTEEN COACH
TRAIN TO LEAVE JERSEY CITY, NJ EIGHT THIRTY AM FEB.
TWENTYTHREE NEXT, AND PROCEED TO WASHINGTON, DC. RUNNING
TIME OF TRAIN, FOUR HOURS, TWENTY MINUTES. RETURN
RESERVATIONS FOR SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE MADE FOR SIX PM FEB.
TWENTYTHREE, AND FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE FIVE PM FEB. TWENTYFOUR.
NEWARK AND SECRET SERVICE, NYC, ADVISED.

BOARDMAN
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100-107111Approved: *[Handwritten signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 2/18/53

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 12/30/52, Confidential Source [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, made available to SA WILLIAM G.
CURRALL the following items:

A press release issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice
in the Rosenberg Case, and captioned "RABBIS OF JERUSALEM CALL FOR CLEMENCY
FOR THE ROSENBERGS." On the reverse side of the release contains a descrip-
tion of Ex-President TRUMAN and the Government of Washington, which is
attributed to ROBERT C. RUARK.

This item is being forwarded herewith. No copy of this item is
being retained by the Philadelphia Office.

There are also being forwarded herewith nine press releases
issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case
and made available by [REDACTED], of known reliability, on 1/7/53, to SA
MORGAN L. MIDTHUN.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK CITY (100-107111)

DATE: 2/19/53

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-8550)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Reurlet 2/10/53 advising that HENRY HOROWITZ, of
Salt Lake City [REDACTED]
above-captioned matter.

For your information HENRY HOROWITZ has been a
member and leader of the COMMUNIST PARTY, District 35, Salt
Lake City, Utah, for the past several years. [REDACTED] who
is considered reliable, can testify that HOROWITZ is a member
of the CP [REDACTED]

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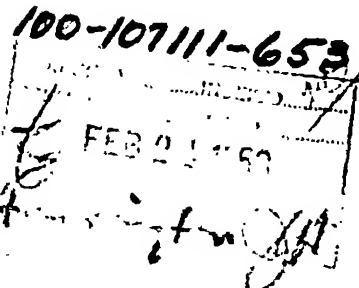
This information was furnished to SA-s CARTER E.
JONES and DELMAR L. LARSON by written report and is retained
in SU File [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW YORK

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
IS - C, DAYLET. ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, FURNISHED A MIMO- b7
GRAPHED PETITION FORM ADDRESSED TO REPRESENTATIVE PARRET
O'HARA OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. TEXT OF
PETITION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE IN THE NAME OF THE MOST
ELEMENTARY HUMAN PRINCIPLES AND OUR TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC
LIBERTIES, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CONSTITUENTS OF THE SECOND
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, URGE YOU TO DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO
PREVENT IMMEDIATELY, ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONGRESS AND TO
THE EFFECT OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNLAWFUL ACTS, THE DENIAL
OF CLEMENCY FOR THE INNOCENT YOUNG MEN, ETHEL AND JULIUS
ROSENBERG. WE ALSO DEMAND IN OUR NAME THAT YOU USE ALL YOUR
INFLUENCE TO SECURE A REVIEW OF THIS CASE BY THE SUPREME
COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PARENTS OF TWO YOUNG
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS DASH C. DASHET. WHILE THESE TICKETS ARE BEING CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION CONTINUES. A REPORT MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS DURING PAST TWENTYFOUR HOURS. DURING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST, NUMBER OF TICKETS VARIED FROM NINEVEN TO EIGHTEEN. TOTAL COUNTER TICKETS PRESENT. LOCAL PD OFFICER ADVISED EIGHTEEN FIFTY OR FIFTYONE BLACK DR 6010 WITH NEW YORK TAGS THREE C SEVEN GIVEN DASH FIFTY DELIVERED THREE TICKETS TO LIFE ONE EIGHT FIVE IN MURKEDAY. LEAFLET CAPTIONED ABOVE THE "FEDERAL CHAIR CAN'T FILL THE DOUBTS IN THE ROSENBERG CASE" WERE DISSEMINATED IN VICINITY OF LIFE THIRTYDA AFTERNOON. LEAFLET CARRIES DOUBTS IN THE CASE AND CITES AS ONE EXAMPLE THAT FBI ADMITTED ON FEBRUARY ONE THAT IT HELD AN IMPORTANT WITNESS LIE WITH OATH. LEAFLET CONCLUDES "ALL THIS TO BRING ON WIFE THE PRISONER TO RECONSIDER A L-CON WITH THE FIFTY SENTENCE. LAST NIGHT TICKETS WERE SEEN THREE AND SIX. AT TWELVE FORTYFIVE AM (DAY FIVE) TICKETS IN LIFE INCLUDING JOHN PAUL HUNTER, [REDACTED]

MR. BOARDMAN
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MR. SPENCER
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MORNING LINE VARIED BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN PERSONS. NO
COUNTER TICKETS OBSERVED. [REDACTED] ADVISED
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THIRTY PM FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO NEXT AND WILL ACCOMMODATE
APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE. SECRET SERVICE,
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, PARK POLICE
AND MARSHAL OF SUPREME COURT ADVISED. CO [REDACTED] BY WFO
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WHITE HOUSE CLEMENCY VIGIL ENTERING 144th CONSECUTIVE HOUR.
JANUARY 5 DELEGATIONS ARRIVING FROM EAST, WEST, MIDWEST
COMMITTEE SCORES ATTEMPTS TO PIN POLITICAL LABEL ON MERCY

The Clemency Vigil at the White House on behalf of commutation for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is now entering its 144th Consecutive hour, it was announced today by the National Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case. The Vigil began on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

The number of persons participating in the Vigil, at one time or another, from all sections of the country has now grown to more than 200. It is estimated that over a 1000 persons will have participated by the end of next week.

Delegations from California east to Chicago and New England have already begun to arrive in the nations' capital for a series of visits on Jan. 5 with Senators, Congressmen and government officials.

In a reply to attempts in some quarters to pin a political label on the nationwide sentiment for clemency, the Committee declared: "It is an insult to the American people - and particularly to its ministers of all faiths - to insinuate that their sentiments for mercy for the Rosenbergs arise from any political source. Only an unregenerate Scrooge would be shocked to discover that mercy has no selfish end - or that it exists at all. The nationwide sentiment for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg exists independently of the will of any group or party, and arises out of the normal doubts and humaneness with which our fellow Americans are with a few exceptions, endowed."

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for immediate release, Jan. 5, 1951

**NATION-WIDE CLEMENCY GATHERING OF 2500 SPENDS DAY INTERVIEWING
SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN**

2500 persons, from 22 states, including California, Washington State, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and New York, spent today, January 5, apprising their senators and congressmen of the tremendous sympathy for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg developed in their communities.

At a report-back meeting at 4:30 PM at the Hotel 2400, Washington, D. C., the leaders of the 100-- odd delegations reported that a substantial number of those whom they had visited were impressed by the fact that the Rosenbergs were the first Americans ever sentenced to death in peacetime or wartime on such a charge.

Indications are that within a very few days the senators and congressmen will be prepared to make their views known to the President either privately or publicly.

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CONGRESSMAN CROSSER OF OHIO OPPOSES DEATH SENTENCE

In an interview with 15 Clevelanders, part of the National Clemency Vigil in Washington on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, Congressman Robert J. Crosser reminded his constituents of his consistent public opposition to capital punishment going back as far as 1912. During that year, Mr. Crosser sponsored an amendment to the State of Ohio Constitution opposing capital punishment. He stated today,

"I have never changed my position on capital punishment. Even if these people (the Rosenbergs) are guilty, they should not be executed."

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CLEMENCY VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE GROWS TO 1500 IN ITS 240th
CONSECUTIVE HOUR

The White House Clemency Vigil on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, which began on December 27th, went into its 240th hour today with over 1500 persons participating during the early afternoon hours.

The Clemency Vigil, which until today had been kept to half a dozen persons on an around-the-clock basis, was opened to permit the participation of thousands of persons who had travelled from points as far west as Los Angeles and Portland.

Ministers, labor leaders, and professional men and women of all faiths and creeds were on the Vigil at one time or another.

The Clemency Vigil is scheduled to continue through the week of January 12.

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RABBI SHARFF HEADS CLEMENCY DELEGATION TO WHITE HOUSE PARDON ATTORNEY

Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff headed today a delegation which brought to Daniel Lyons, White House Pardon Attorney, the sentiments of thousands of persons asking that the pardon attorney, who works under the Department of Justice, convey these clemency sentiments to the President.

Reverend Nolan Mills, officially representing the Baptist Ministers' Union of San Francisco, and Joseph Brainin, chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, accompanied Rabbi Sharff on the delegation.

The delegation requested that the Department of Justice consent to an appeal for executive clemency, which will shortly be brought before the President.

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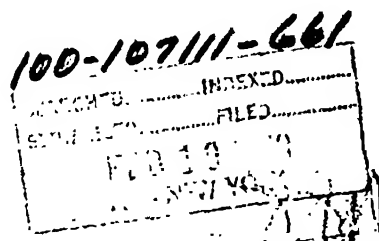
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opened a round-the-clock Vigil
at the White House this afternoon and
appealed for mercy which was "to re-consider your decision in the
light of clemency, the plea from spokesmen of all faiths and to commute
the Rosenbergs' death sentence."

Participants in the Mercy Vigil, one of the largest before the White
House in recent years, came by car and train from New York, Baltimore,
Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Newark, Chicago and Ohio, in response
to an appeal by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case
issued only 48 hours before. Because of the size of the vigil, five
hundred of the participants were asked by police to march in an overflow
line on East Executive Avenue, while two thousand walked directly
before the White House.

Leaders of the Mercy Vigil, in a letter to President Eisenhower
accepted at the White House gate, wrote the President: "The distressing
fact that the appeal for mercy for the Rosenbergs by Pope Pius X
was not brought to your attention raises serious fears that many
of the people who are gathered here tonight are disappointed
you will not act on their appeal."

They added, "In view of the fact that the appeal for mercy is
expressions for mercy are based on the information upon
which you must make a profound decision. We respectfully urge that
in the light of these circumstances, which have arisen through no
fault of the Chief Executive, you give renewed consideration to the
appeals for commutation of the death sentences."

In a public plea to the American people issued at the Vigil, heads
of city and state delegations said: "We fervently believe that the
pleas of our fellow citizens for clemency can still help in averting
this unprecedented execution. We beseech our fellow Americans to
continue writing and wiring the White House urging re-consideration
the Rosenberg clemency appeal."

Delegations of trade unionists, professionals, ministers and
"groups in all walks of life and of all faiths" will be coming to
Washington on various days during the coming week to join the Vigil, the
Committee reported.

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The Mercy Vigil, which had been temporarily withdrawn by the Committee before the Inauguration out of respect to the new Chief Executive, resumed at 2:00 p.m. with a prayer led by the Rev. Harold Williamson of the Church of the Rugged Cross, New York.

Within a few minutes, the Vigil began to grow, with hundreds of men, women, and youth, Negro and white, alighting from cars, buses, taxis, or walking up to the White House to swell the block-long line.

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PROMINENT DETROIT ATTORNEY HEADS CLEMENCY DELEGATION TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Isadore Starr, a prominent attorney and Jewish leader of Detroit, was spokesman for a delegation to Mr. James R. Browning, executive assistant to Attorney General McGranery. Others on the delegation were Mr. John Wexley, prominent writer, best known for the Theater Guild success "They Shall Not Die", a play about the Scottsboro Case with which Mr. Wexley was intimately connected, and Mr. William Lesternan, a prominent Los Angeles attorney and officer of a California bar organization.

The delegation requested that the Department of Justice, by taking cognizance of the grave doubts of guilt shared by many Americans, consent to any motions which may be made to the courts or to the President, which would reopen the trial or, at the very least, commute the death sentence.

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Thousands of citizens have been called to a round-the-clock Vigil at the White House, Saturday afternoon, February 14, to urge that President Eisenhower reconsider his hasty death decree for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The call was issued by an emergency meeting in New York at the headquarters of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Those attending came from New York and neighboring cities along the Eastern Seaboard following the President's action late Wednesday afternoon.

The Vigil and the actions the Committee called for were symbolic of the profound shock felt throughout the country after the President's action.

At the same time, the Committee urged spokesmen for the millions of union members, church-goers, and community groups who have urged clemency for the Rosenbergs to phone, telegraph and write the President to reconsider his decision.

"It is clear that life or death for the Rosenbergs is now in the hands of the American people," the Committee declared. "The President must immediately be told by the people that his death decree is in disregard of their expressed wishes."

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TO : SAC

DATE: February 19, 1953

FROM : SA J. E. GIBLER

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

1050 Sixth Avenue

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PRESS RELEASE

for release 8 am February 12 1953

COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON CLEMENCY DECISION

The following statement was issued at an enlarged executive meeting of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case:

"Within a matter of hours after receiving the petition for clemency from the Attorney General's office, President Eisenhower announced a decision which completely disregards the expressed and unmistakable sentiment for clemency of millions of our fellow citizens.

"Patriotism and mercy motivate the nationwide appeal for clemency. Neither in our eyes nor in the eyes of the peoples of the world do we want our government to stand bereft of fairness. But the President's decision, if unchanged, will permit the execution of two Americans for allegedly aiding a nation that played a major role in destroying our common enemy during World War II; it will put to death two Americans about whose very guilt eminent lawyers and jurists have raised grave doubts.

"Such a decision will seriously damage the good will which our government seeks to gain in its relations with the rest of the world

"A few weeks ago, the Rosenbergs were hours away from death.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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[REDACTED] was contacted on February 4, 1953, in regard to the Vermont representative who registered at the Potomac Park Cabins, Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1953, at which time this informant could furnish no information relative to who this representative might be. b7D

Informant further advised that MAX and GRACE GRANICH, Security Index Subjects of the Albany Office, [REDACTED] have been residing 1786 Topping Avenue, Bronx, New York, since December 10, 1952. b7D

The attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to the report of SA JOSEPH HOLIDAY at Albany November 28, 1952, entitled MAX GRANICH, was.. Page 10 of b7C
Instant report reflects that in September, 1952, the GRANICHES had in their possession a petition soliciting contributions for the support of the ROSENBERGS and to force a fair trial in their case, which indicates that the GRANICHES were very much interested in the ROSENBERG cause, and that there is a strong possibility that MAX OSWALD who was among those who registered at the Potomac Park Cabins, Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1953, is identical with MAX GRANICH of Wilmington, Vermont.

The New York Office is requested to furnish the Washington Field Office with any information which would indicate that MAX GRANICH is identical with MAX OSWALD, Vermont representative who registered at the Potomac Park Cabins, Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1953.

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TO : SAC

DATE: February 20, 1953

FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

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makes cowards of men."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

ISSUES IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

- Is this death sentence justified?
- Is this death sentence political punishment?
- The consequences inherent in this death sentence.

ROSENBERG CLEMENCY GATHERING

"To allow these persons to be electrocuted—is to set a most vicious precedent
—and implies an unworthy capitulation to the hysterical temper of the times
and—reveals a recreant willingness to resort to "scape-goat devices."

Excerpts from appeal to President by Central Methodist Church,
Detroit, Mich.

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JOIN THE WORLD-WIDE APPEAL

WIRE! PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WRITE!
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Ask for Clemency for the Rosenbergs

THERE IS NO APPEAL FROM THE GRAVE

SOME VOICES FOR CLEMENCY

Dr. Albert Einstein
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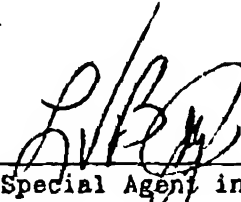
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 2/20/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU AND WFO... URGENT
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
IS) CASH C. CI [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT
THE ONE THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS DEPARTING JERSEY CITY TO VISIT
WASHINGTON, D. C. FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT HAVE ALL BEEN
INVITED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN ALONG ON THE TRIP. b7D

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Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE,
IS DASH C. DAY LET. FIGHTING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER
AUSPICES OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION CONTINUES. FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS MADE BY AGENTS WFO DURING PAST TWENTYFOUR
HOURS. DURING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST
NUMBER OF TICKETS IN LINE VARIED BETWEEN SEVEN AND
ELEVEN. TWO COUNTER TICKETS WERE ACTIVE. LAST NIGHT
BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT PM LINE NUMBERED FIVE TO SIX
PERSONS. TWO COUNTER TICKETS PRESENT. EARLY THIS
MORNING SIX PICKETS WERE OBSERVED IN LINE. AT TEN AM
TODAY LINE COMPOSED OF THREE PICKETS. NO COUNTER PICKETS
YET PRESENT. US PARK POLICE ADVISE THEY PLAN COVERAGE OF
POTOMAC MOTOR COURT, MAINS POINT, ON FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO
AND TWENTYFOUR NEXT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF
PERSONS ARRIVING FOR MASS MOBILIZATION SCHEDULES ON
THREE DATES. ACCORDING TO PARK POLICE POTOMAC MOTOR COURT
WAS USED AS LODGING PLACE BY SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS DURING
PREVIOUS LARGE MOBILIZATION BY CAPTIONED COMMITTEE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY PARTICIPANTS IN b7D
MASS RALLY ON FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE NEXT BEING REQUESTED
TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN WITH THEM. INFORMANT FURTHER
ADVISED MAJOR PORTION OF MASS RALLY TO TERMINATE AT FIVE
PM ON FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN
ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PICKET LINE
IN VICINITY OF WASHINGTON MONUMENT, IN ATTEMPT TO CONNECT
PICKETING WITH WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. SAME INFORMANT
ADVISED PEOPLE BEING REQUESTED TO ATTEND MASS AFFAIR FROM
ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY AND NOT LIMITED TO STATES MENTIONED
RE AGI. YESTERDAY.

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TRUE COPY

50 Park Terrace East
New York 34, N Y
February 17, 1953

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D. C.

Gentlemen:

Attached is a communication from the "Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case". It was addressed to me back in November shortly after the date given in the form letter.

I send it along to you merely because I felt the list of "sponsors" given along the margin of the stationery of the form letter, would be something which you should have along with your list of Communists, subversives, and such characters. You no doubt already have many or all of them from other sources, but as a loyal American I felt there just might be some of them which you do not have.

The fact that I received this communication thru the mail, along with thousands of these sent out by this "Committee", is an illustration of how these Communist and Front organizations constantly canvas the people of the theatre -- because unfortunately, there are so many Communists, fellow-travelers and sympathizers in the theatre, radio television, and motion pictures; in fact, in every medium which can be used for propaganda wherever their sympathizers are able to weave their propaganda into manuscripts for broadcasting or production on Broadway, or wherever.

I have spent a good part of my adult life in the professional theatre, radio, television, etc. So, therefore, I have constantly received this type of communication, -- and invitations to attend all sorts of meetings of organizations obviously Communist front set-ups, and to join them -- for years.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Collier
Karen S. Collier

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February 20, 1953

Miss Karen S. Collier
50 Park Terrace East
New York 34, New York

Dear Miss Collier:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 17, 1953, together with the enclosure, and the motives which prompted you to communicate with me are indeed appreciated.

In the event you receive additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office located at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

✓ 2 cc - New York (with copies of incoming)

Bureau files contain no record of correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed a letter addressed "Dear Friend" dated November 28, 1952, from the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case exhorting the reader to write to the President on behalf of the Rosenbergs. This letter is being retained in Bureau files.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: February 20, 1953

FROM: SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE

**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On February 5, 1953, a written report was received through the mails from [REDACTED] by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE by letter postmarked February 4, 1953. This report can be located in [REDACTED] (u)

Informant advised that a meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was held February 2, 1953, at the Park View Manor, 2200 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California. There were approximately fifty persons present at this meeting. It was announced at this meeting that this is the last meeting of the Rosenberg Committee to be held at the Park View Manor, since this meeting place is to be sold by its present owners. The Rosenberg Committee has not, as yet, found a new location to hold its meetings. (u)

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JOHN WEXLEY is to help LEE SOLOMON set up a new committee for the Rosenberg case. This committee is supposed to get out pamphlets and leaflets on the activities of all of the Rosenberg Committees in the USA. LEE SOLOMON is supposed to get this material from the Central Office of the Rosenberg Committee, as it comes from New York once each week. GUY ENDORE has been assigned to assist her also. (u)

GUY ENDORE returned from Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, on February 2, 1953, and gave his report before this meeting as to the trouble they were having in these cities with red-baiting in connection with the Rosenberg Committees. He was sent to Arizona as a scout for the Los Angeles Rosenberg Committee. SOL ROSENTHAL stated that \$66 from the Rosenberg Committee Fund was allowed to ENDORE for this trip. (u)

SOPHIE DAVIDSON stated that she knew how they in Arizona felt since she felt lost until New York sent directives to get her started in connection with the Rosenberg Committee in Los Angeles. (u)

HARRY PIERCE gave the organizational report. He stated that Redondo, Culver City, the Valley and Long Beach all had received their tickets for the February 12 meeting of the Rosenberg Committee at the Embassy Auditorium. PIERCE also stated that the IWO, JPFO, CRC, IPP and the LACFPB had been sent and received their leaflets and the above described tickets. He stated that 5000 leaflets had been sent out for distribution on which appears ELEANOR ROOSEVELT's name and backing for clemency for the Rosenbergs, and since now it has

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appeared in the newspaper that she has denied this, he asked the opinion of the committee as to whether they should cancel her name and endorsement by scratching through on the leaflet. DAVID ALTMAN stated that he thought new leaflets should be prepared. [REDACTED] (u) b1

DAVID ALTMAN (National Chairman of the Rosenberg Committee) flew in by plane unexpectedly on the afternoon of February 2, and was present at this meeting. He stated he would be in Los Angeles for two or three days. He directed this committee to direct their campaign for the Rosenbergs to the Republican Congressmen, since they can stir the President to act one way or another on this matter. He stated the President can hold this stay indefinitely. He stated that the Catholic diocese of New York are for clemency in the Rosenberg matter. ALTMAN stated that the National Office of the Rosenberg Committee needs \$5000 from Los Angeles. Of the \$1000 presently in the fund of the Los Angeles Rosenberg Committee, he took \$500. He stated that prior to coming to Los Angeles, he had visited Denver, Colorado, and did not know where he would go from Los Angeles. He stated that the National Office of the Rosenberg Committee had formerly instructed the Committees to keep the money for their campaigns, but in this case the National Committee needed their financial help now. (u)

DANIEL MARSHALL is Chairman on the Citizens Committee For Rosenberg clemency. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOHN WEXLEY also spoke at this meeting. (u) b1

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

IS-C. DAYLET. PICKET LINE AT WHITE HOUSE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT NINE HUNDRED AT FOUR P.M. THIS DATE. VIGIL ENDED AT FIVE-FIVE P.M. TODAY AFTER SHORT RELIGIOUS CEREMONY. PRAYERS WERE LED BY HAROLD S. WILLIAMSON AND CANTOR JACOB KAMINSKY. AFTER THE PRAYER MRS. DAVID ALMAN, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND JOSEPH BRAININ CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE GUARD AT THE WEST GATE OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO BE DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. THE GROUP THEN LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM WERE LATER OBSERVED BOARDING SPECIAL BALTIMORE AND OHIO TRAIN RESERVED BY THE ROSENBERG LABOR COMMITTEE. THIS TRAIN LEFT UNION STATION AT SIX-TEN P.M. FOR JERSEY CITY, N.J. SMALL GROUP WHICH DID NOT RETURN ON THIS TRAIN ARE TO REPORT AT SIX-THIRTY P.M. TO ODD FELLOWS HALL, NINTH AND T STREET NORTHWEST FOR HOUSING AND REGISTRATION. THERE IS TO BE A MEETING AT THIS HALL AT EIGHT P.M. AT THIS MEETING DELEGATIONS WILL BE PLANNED TO VISIT CONGRESSMEN, WHITE HOUSE, AND FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS. THIS MEETING WILL BE COVERED.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. IS-C DAY-
LET SPECIAL TRAIN FROM JERSEY CITY ARRIVED ONE TWENTY PM WITH FIVE FOUR
THREE PERSONS. GROUP PLANNING TO PICKET ONLY WHITE HOUSE. SHORT PRAYER
FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, WHICH WILL END VIGIL. PLANNING ON HAVING MEETING
ODD FELLOWS HALL, NINTH AND T STREETS, NU, SEVEN PM. APPROXIMATELY ONE
HUNDRED WILL STAY OVER UNTIL TOMORROW TO VISIT CONGRESSMEN. INFO
FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] P.D.,
SECRET SERVICE, PARK POLICE, MILITARY POLICE ALL PRESENT WHEN TRAIN
ARRIVED.

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J. A. Harrington

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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CEY 43, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26 Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the Civil Rights Congress, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual Communist Party members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address.

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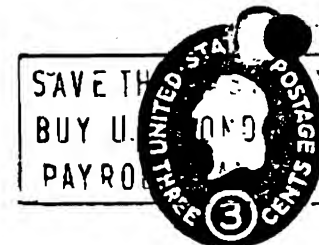
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246 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.



Mr. Abe Weisburd, Sec.
Labor Advisory Committee
Civil Rights Congress
23 W. 26th St.
New York, N.Y.

Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

Joseph Brainin,
Chairman

David Alman,
Executive Secretary

246 Fifth Avenue
Room 441

New York 1, N.
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June 4, 1952

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Mr. Abe Weisburd, Secretary
Labor Advisory Committee
Civil Rights Congress
23 W. 26th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Weisburd:

Our committee would appreciate an opportunity to lay the Rosenberg case before your committee.

An extremely important milestone in our fight for a new trial for the Rosenbergs will end on June 30th, at which time our amicus brief to the Supreme Court, to which we hope to have 100,000 endorsements, will fall due. We would therefore further appreciate it if we could meet with your committee sufficiently early before June 30th.

I know that you will understand, as will the members of your committee, the extreme urgency in this case, and the very great efforts that will be required to win a new trial for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, now in the death house, and for Morton Sobell, now serving 30 years.

We look forward to an early and favorable reply.

Sincerely,

David Alman,
Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE INTER ADOPTED CAPTIONED COMMITTEE CONTINUED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THROUGHOUT THE LAST WEEK AND ENDING APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST. NUMEROUS OBSERVATIONS MADE BY SAS WFO REVEALED NUMBER OF PICKETS VARIED FROM FEW TO SEVERAL HUNDRED. COUNTER PICKETS DURING THIS PERIOD VARIED FROM NONE TO FIVE. NO EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN LEGION PARTICIPATION IN COUNTER PICKETING. A NINETEEN FORTYONE OR FIFTY CHEVROLET, NEW YORK FIFTYTWO LICENSE N NINE FIVE EIGHT FIVE OBSERVED TOWING TRAILER WITH D. C. TAGS HAULING PICKET SIGNS FOR CAPTIONED COMMITTEE. VERY FEW D. C. PEOPLE IDENTIFIED IN PICKET LINES. AT FOUR THIRTY PM FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST REBECCA SPARLANE, SI SUBJECT OF WFO, AND MARGARET SMITH OBSERVED IN LINE, BOTH IDENTIFIED IN PREVIOUS DAYLETS. INTERESTING OBSERVATION MADE TO ATTENTION WFO THAT DUE TO SMALL NUMBER PARTICIPANTS FIVE FOUR THREE EDDPAREN OF PEOPLE ON SPECIAL TRAIN WHICH ARRIVED D. C. ONE

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TWENTY PM FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST, THE SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE D. C. FIVE NINETEEN FIVE PM FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND FIFTEEN WHO STAYED IN D. C. NIGHT OF FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE WERE TO RETURN IN TWO CARS ATTACHED TO REGULAR FIVE PM B AND O TRAIN FOR JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR. FOLLOWING INFORMATION REVEALED CHANGE IN ABOVE PLANS. ON NIGHT FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, ONE HUNDRED OF GROUP MET AND DECIDED ON LEAVING D. C. ONE PM INSTEAD OF FIVE PM FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR. THEY MET NINE THIRTY AM THIS DAY AT INSPIRATION HOUSE TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF VISITS TO STATE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. ARE TO MEET AT UNION STATION TWELVE THIRTY PM TODAY AND LEAVE ON ONE PM TRAIN.

END

Feb. 25, 1953
Mineola, N.Y.

MEMO

RE: NATIONAL COMM. TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
1050 6 th Ave., New York, N.Y.

The following is information concerning the captioned organization.

Attached under separate cover is a letter addressed to writer and his wife, Alice Gray, postmarked Feb. 20, 1953 at Flushing, N.Y. with literature from the captioned organization. It is pointed out that thru someone they are obtaining the voting records because of the way they addressed this letter.

On 12/8/52 [redacted] Island Park, N.Y. Post Office contacted writer and advised that Mrs Katherine Goldstein of Island Park had been in the Post Office this date and asked questions relative to sending mail to Long Beach and the cost of Special Delivery letters. [redacted] stated that later in the day Mrs Goldstein had mailed about 1500 letters 1st class to residents in Long Beach, N.Y. and that the letters bore the return address of "Room 2, 1050 6th Ave. at 40th Street, New York, 18, N.Y. From further observation he noted these letters related to captioned organization.

It is pointed out that [redacted] knows Mrs Goldstein by sight because she picks up her mail in the Post Office.

[redacted] West Park Ave., Long Beach, N.Y. furnished writer the attached letter addressed to him and his family at 354 W. Beach, Long Beach, N.Y. [redacted] also furnished a letter to Max Wiesenthal 9 W. Park Ave., Long Beach, N.Y. dated 12/8/52 which is a Special Delivery letter from the captioned organization and it is noted this letter has additional literature from captioned organization, namely a small booklet, "The Rosenberg Case" An Analysis by D.N. Pritt, World Famous British Lawyer.

[redacted] US Post Office, Long Beach, N.Y. on 12/9/52 estimated that about 3,000 letters from the captioned organization were delivered in Long Beach on 12/9/52. He said about 100 specials went through and they were for Attorneys, City Officials, Doctors and important people in Long Beach. He stated about 1200 letters were mailed in Long Beach. He further stated that an unknown man mailed 300 more letters at the Post Office on 12/9/52 and he

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was observed to leave the post office and get into a car bearing 1952 NY
NU 8769.

It is pointed out that Mrs Goldstein, mentioned above, is KATHERINE
FRIEDMAN GOLDSTEIN, SI subject, NY 100-14209.

Encl.-3

SA, J.G.Gray

2037 County
Westbury, New York
February 25th 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I received the enclosed circulars on the Rosenberg
case in the mail 2/24/53.

You are probably familiar with them but, if
not, please note the nasty statement about the FBI.

I personally would react both of them
over a slow fire of circulars.

Yours truly

Charles F. Earley

will per 8.10.53

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FROM : SA J. E. GIBLER

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Franklin J. [Signature]

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York
Bryant 9-9694

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Rd
N.W.
Columbia 5-0302

To the members of the Prayer for Clemency Delegation, January 5, 1953:

Welcome to this great action for mercy and clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg! In the few hours that you are in Washington, we must work with the utmost possible efficiency and clarity.

Our purpose is simple: to help persuade the President to commute the sentence of the Rosenbergs. No other issue, no other cause is involved.

We who are here represent not only ourselves, but the millions who have thus far spoken up for clemency. We must represent them well and accurately.

The issue today is not whether the Rosenbergs are guilty or not. If we achieve our single aim of saving them from the electric chair, we shall have time enough to argue that later.

Today the issue is clemency, and clemency only.

The fact is that most of the newspapers and individuals who have appealed for clemency have done so despite the fact that they believe the Rosenbergs guilty. Such organs and persons ask for the clemency on the ground that the sentence is excessive, unprecedented and harsh.

Many others have spoken up for clemency because they have doubts about the fairness of trial conducted in a heated atmosphere. Still others believe the Rosenbergs are innocent.

Today in Washington, and during the next week in whatever home communities we come from, it is important to keep in mind that it is necessary to address our broadest appeal to those millions of Americans who believe or assume the guilt of the Rosenbergs but who are not ready to accept the death sentence. If these Americans will in additional hundreds of thousands let the President know that they will support a commutation of sentence, victory is possible.

You will be on a delegation to a Congressman, Senator, or other public official. There may be attempts to change the subject, to bring in side issues (such as guilt of the Rosenbergs, the trials in Prague, communism, etc.). Every delegate will have to see to it that the issue is kept simple; clemency for the Rosenbergs and the commutation of the unprecedented and harsh sentence.

After all, in England, Dr. Allan Nunn May was released from prison on December 30, 1952, after serving less than seven years of a ten year sentence on the same charge as the Rosenbergs. Furthermore, May pleaded guilty; the Rosenbergs still protest their innocence. None of these side issues changed the action in England. We should not allow ourselves to be diverted from the main point here.

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CLEMENCY VIGIL HEADQUARTERS
1467 Aulorana Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Columbia 5-0302
Columbia 5-1094

For immediate release
Monday, February 23, 1953

CLEMENCY VIGIL FOR ROSENBERGS TO END IN MASS PRAYER TODAY

The Clemency Vigil in front of the White House on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg will end in a mass prayer at 4:45 P.M. today (Monday, Feb. 23rd) participated in by a large delegation representing thousands of people throughout the United States.

In closing the Clemency Vigil the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case stated, "Now that the clemency sentiment of millions of people here and throughout the world has been registered in the Court of Appeals decision granting a stay of execution to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the Committee is bringing its Clemency Vigil to a close after 243 unbroken hours of picketing in front of the White House."

Prayers will be led by the Rev. Harold S. Williamson and Cantor Jacob Kaminsky. Following the prayer a committee will present the following plea to the White House urging President Eisenhower to reconsider his denial of clemency:

"Mr. President, a tremendous wave of doubt exists in this country and the rest of the world that the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was conducted entirely within those limits proscribed by law to protect accused Americans.

"Judge Jerome Frank, of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, after hearing the arguments of the Rosenbergs' counsel, took note of this when he said: 'There is substance to this argument, and for my part, I believe the Supreme Court should hear it'.

"The guarantee that all accused persons shall have the utmost of protection from their Government until they are proved guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt, has been one of our greatest pillars of freedom since our country was founded under the leadership of George Washington. To doubly safeguard this pillar the framers of the United States Constitution granted the President the right to review and commute sentences and to grant pardons.

"Mr. President, because we believe our country is too great to permit a miscarriage of justice, because we want our country to be synonymous throughout the world with the word 'Justice', we respectfully suggest that you instruct the Attorney-General to consent to a new trial for the Rosenbergs.

"Mr. President, because recent developments have shown that not all the pertinent information concerning this case, which involves the good name of our country throughout the world, was given to you before you made your decision, we urge you to reconsider, review the case again and grant clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

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 MR. HEGAN
 MR. KING
 MR. SPENCER
 MR. WALSH
 MR. WOHL
 CHIEF CLERK
 PROPERTY UNIT

At 2:00 pm on 2/25/53, BOB WEDDLE, reporter for the "Nassau Review Star", Rockville Centre, Long Island, telephonically inquired as to whether or not the FBI has been investigating a flood of letters mailed in the Long Beach area urging sympathy for the ROSENBERGS. He stated that some 4,000 letters, postmarked December 8, 1952 at Island Park, Long Island, had been received by the residents of Long Beach, and that similar letters have again been sent out, postmarked Island Park, February 24, 1953.

Mr. WEDDLE inquired if it were possible for this office to make any comment concerning this matter for publication and he was advised that no comment could be made.

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Monday, February 16, 1953

MERCY VIGIL HEADQUARTERS
1857 McCoruma Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Columbia 5-0802

A committee of trade unionists representing the Labor Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs, today issued the following report on their one-day trip to Washington:

"Our committee telegraphed the White House on February 5, requesting an appointment with the President, and on February 11 another telegram was dispatched to confirm our arrival at the White House at 2 p.m. today, February 16. We were met at the White House gate by a Mr. Young, who described his function as 'sloughing off groups like this, and expressing the President's regrets'. The trade unionists pointed out that they represented over 200,000 workers and objected to being summarily dismissed on the sidewalk. We gave Mr. Young our message to the President, requesting that he reconsider his denial of the Rosenbergs' appeal for clemency.

"Determined to see an official closer to the President, we walked in unannounced to the White House annex and met with a Mr. Blackley, in charge of Public Information under Harold Stassen. He told us that American Justice was on trial before the world, that the recent statements by Pope Pius XII were an accurate reflection of the concern by workers all over the world that clemency be granted.

"The delegation then went to the office of the Attorney-General and met with his official representative, Mr. Daniel Lyons. Mr. Lyons is the Pardon Attorney who reviewed the case before President Eisenhower made his decision last week. We asked that the Department of Justice not oppose Defense Counsel Bloch's motion in any court seeking a postponement of the execution date pending his appeal to the Supreme Court. After a thirty-minute discussion, we asked Mr. Lyons what his recommendation to the President had been. He refused to answer.

"The delegates went to Capitol Hill to see their Congressmen and completed their day by joining the round-the-clock Clemency Vigil in front of the White House.

The delegation included members of C.I.O., A.F.L. and Independent unions. Spokesman for the group was Mr. Carl Wise, Trustee of Local 140, United Furniture Workers, CIO. Mr. Wise pointed out that the Labor Committee had received messages of support from the membership and leaders of unions representing hundreds of thousands of workers. Before leaving Washington, the trade unionists issued an appeal to their fellow workers throughout the United States to send messages to President Eisenhower requesting reconsideration and further appealed to trade unionists to join the vigil in front of the White House.

NEW YORK, N. Y., 2/26/53

BUREAU

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
IS - C. SUMMARY INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL OFFICES
HAVING CHAPTERS OF THE CAPTIONED COMMITTEE. ALL THIS INFORMATION
HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO ONE SUMMARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORT. IT
IS EXPECTED THAT THIS REPORT WILL BE TRANSCRIBED WITHIN A WEEK.
TRANSCRIPT IS BEING EXPEDITED, AND REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
THE BUREAU AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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43 Bay Street
Glens Falls
Warren County
New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & G Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to you to ask you for some material on the Rosenberg case-- that is if you have any mimeographed papers for the public. It doesn't matter if they are technical or not-- It's okay if they are a part of your speech or one of your G-men's speeches-- just anything.

It all began when I got hot under the collar upon reading an article in "The Churchman" (Episcopal) magazine about how some clergymen--and some of ours among them-- had written to the president asking for clemency. That burned me up and I wrote to the magazine's "Open Forum" and said in so many words

1. about how distressed I was that so many of our ministers had made asses of themselves in coming into a case of which they knew nothing,
2. and that they were dopes,
3. and that the cornies were just making suckers out of them,
4. and that some ministers were suckers for a little "God All Mighty".
5. Also spoke of the infamy of their crime which was worse than murder-- traitors to their country, etc.
6. Also said that some ministers would be waster off if they would mind their P's & Q's.